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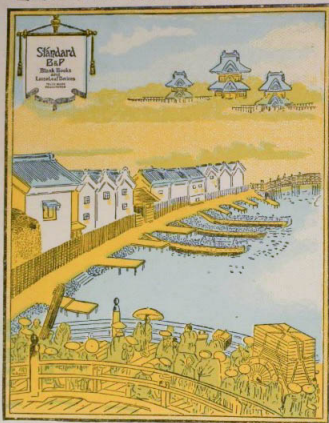
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January 3, 1930

Mrs. J. F. Harmonson,
509 North Second Avenue,
North, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 27th ultimo, please be advised that while in former years the Mint purchased gold in small quantities the present regulations limit the minimum value of deposits to \$100 and for that reason your watchcase forwarded here in August, 1929, could not be received for purchase.

The Mint does not recommend outside dealers in bullion nor accept any responsibility for returns made by them when such dealers are suggested as probable purchasers of material which the Mint cannot accept for purchase. Under these conditions you might write to Carl Blaurock, Mack Block, or to Burlingame & Parker, 14 Lawrence Street, this city, either of whom might be willing to purchase your metal.

Respectfully,

OH:


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

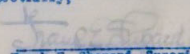
January 3, 1930

Mr. Delmar Boulger,
118 Third Avenue, West,
Dickinson, North Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 26th ultimo, please be advised that the Government does not deal in old coins nor pay a premium thereon - such premiums being paid only by numismatic dealers and private coin collectors, although I know of no reason why Indian head pennies should command a premium from such collectors. However, you might write to some reliable dealer for further information regarding the pennies in question.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 3, 1930

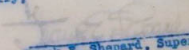
Mr. R. B. Grey,
Hughesville, Montana.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 30th ultimo enclosing money order for \$2.00 to pay for an assay of a sample of rock received under separate cover and have to advise that the United States Mints do not make assays of mineral bearing specimens. Such work can be done for you, however, by the United States Assay office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver - money order for the proper amount to accompany your sample.

If you desire the return of the sample which you have forwarded here, please send the necessary postage.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Money order returned herewith

January 3, 1930

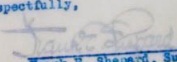
Mr. Frank L. Klein,
Caballo, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of recent date, I regret to advise you that at the present time the Mint cannot accept gold or silver bullion having a value under \$100 and I would therefore be unable to purchase your gold in lots of one or two ounces.

Regretting my inability to be of service to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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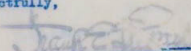
January 3, 1930

The Graham National Bank,
Graham, Texas.

Gentlemen.

Referring to your letter of the 30th ultimo enclosing one fifty-cent piece which does not have the customary "ring", please be advised that the coin is genuine and falls to ring because of a crack around the edge. I am enclosing a perfect coin in exchange.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure


January 3, 1930

Mr. Thomas McMahon,
Judith Gap, Montana.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 31st ultimo enclosing a dental bridge weighing 29/100ths of a troy ounce and have to advise that only such deposits as contain a value of \$100 at least are accepted for purchase by this Mint. I am therefore unable to purchase this bridge from you and will return it upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 4, 1930

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

In accordance with instructions of the Director of the Mint in his letter dated November 16th, last, I have this day forwarded you by Railway Express Agency on Government bill of lading No. T-42836 enclosed herewith the following automatic weighing machine parts for chromium plating:

- 40 - friction fingers
- 40 - rods
- 40 - rods of the improved type.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

January 4, 1930

Mr. E. S. Moulton,
St. Johns Park, Florida.

Dear Mr. Moulton:

As requested in your letter of the 26th ultimo, I have turned over your small deposit to Mr. Carl Blaurock, Mackinlock, this city, for purchase, although I do not make it a practice of doing this as the Government assumes no responsibility for returns by outside dealers. At the request of depositors I have delivered a number of small consignments to Mr. Blaurock and I believe satisfactory returns have been made thereon.

I am very glad to hear from you again after the lapse of a number of years and I trust you are prospering and that you will have a very fine new year.

The 10¢ enclosed with your letter is returned herewith.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Sheppard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

January 4, 1930


Mr. E. W. Burge,
Winnemucca, Nevada.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 3rd instant stating you have forwarded by express a shipment of bullion which you believe also contains platinum, please be advised that the Mint makes no allowance for platinum contained in gold and silver deposits, nor do we make any assays for said metal. If you are not willing to waive any platinum values that may be contained in this shipment, I would suggest that you forward it to some platinum dealer, such as Baker & Company, Newark, New Jersey, who will pay you for the gold and silver as well as the platinum.

Please advise me of your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 4, 1930

Mr. C. Walter Davis,
Davis, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 2nd instant and in reply have to suggest that you write to the United States Mint at Philadelphia for the commemorative coins desired by you - this Mint not having any such coins on hand.

In regard to your request for 1922 Standard Silver Dollar, please be advised that the Mint can furnish you with such coin but application therefor must be made to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C., in accordance with the enclosed circular.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

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January 6, 1930

Mr. H. C. Hoffman,
Glen, Minnesota.

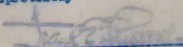
Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 1st instant, I have to advise that the Mints do not make analyses of mineral bearing specimens. Such work can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at the following charges:

Gold	-	\$1.00
Silver	-	1.00
Copper	-	2.00
Lead	-	1.50
Zinc	-	2.00

Money order for the proper amount payable to the Assayer in Charge must accompany your samples.

Respectfully


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 6, 1930

Mr. W. P. Moyer,
Fire Control Design Section,
Frankford Arsenal, Bridesburg,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

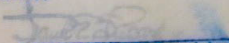
Dear Sir:

I regret to say that I am unable to send you the 12 one-cent bronze pieces of 1922 coinage as requested in your letter of the 2nd instant as these coins have long since been distributed.

In this connection, please be advised that application for new coins must now be made to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C.

The two-cent stamp and twelve cents enclosed with your letter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

January 6, 1930.

Mr. B. L. Ripley,
380 Lexington Street,
Waltham, Massachusetts.


Dear Sir:

Referring to your request of the 1st instant for certain one-cent bronze pieces, please be advised that application for new coins must be made to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., in accordance with the enclosed circular.

Regarding the 1921-1923 one-cent bronze pieces, I have to advise that only those of the calendar year 1929 are now available for distribution.

The dime enclosed with your note is herewith returned.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

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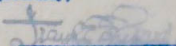
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January 6, 1930

Mr. Andrew Lipjanec,
337 South Ellsworth Avenue,
Salem, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 2nd instant, I have to advise that while one-cent bronze pieces were coined at this Mint during the calendar year 1914, none are now available for distribution. The 1929 issue is now available and should you desire any of these coins, your application should be addressed to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C., in accordance with the enclosed circular.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

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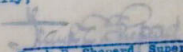
Mr. Ray C. Skow,
130 Kansas City Street,
Rapid City, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your consignment of recent date without a letter of advice and have to advise that the Mint does not receive deposits having a value of less than \$100.00. As your button weighs only 94/100 of a troy ounce it would not, of course, meet that requirement.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance, your gold will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 6, 1930,


Mr. Isadore Meyer,
775 Ninth Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter and consignment under date of the 4th instant, I note you state your gold weighs 77.55 ounces, while upon receipt here I find it weighs 67.49 troy ounces or a difference of approximately 10 ounces. Upon unwrapping same I find it consists of four kings and one button.

In view of the fact that this is quite a discrepancy in weight, I have to request that you will advise me promptly if the weight of this material as received here is satisfactory, upon receipt of which information I will proceed promptly to treat it.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 6, 1930

Riffler's
210 South Summit Street,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your deposit, which weighs upon receipt here 7.46 troy ounces and which contains a valuation by you of \$100.00, please be advised that upon examining same I am not sure it will contain that amount which is necessary before I can accept it for purchase. I would therefore suggest that you send one or two ounces more of similar material in order to remove any doubt about your deposit meeting our requirements.

Respectfully

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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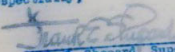
January 6, 1930

Mr. L. E. Griffith,
1514 Howard Street, 3rd Floor,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 4th instant stating you were enclosing \$1.00 for the return of your deposit at this institution, and have to advise that the dollar was not found therewith.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 7, 1930.

Mr. Charles Allison,
Whitebird, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

I have your note of the 4th instant and in reply have to say that at the present time the regulations require that deposits to be accepted for purchase must have a minimum value of \$100.00.

Should you forward any consignment for purchase, please accompany same with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Stamp returned

January 7, 1930

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

I have to advise that I have this day forwarded you by insured parcel post the PYX coins of this institution for the quarter ended December 31, 1929, as follows:

<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Pieces</u>	<u>Value</u>
Half Dollars	501	\$250.50
Quarter "	679	169.75
Dimes	517	51.70
	<u>1697</u>	<u>\$471.95</u>

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 8, 1930

Dr. Wayne Clark,
314 Exchange Bank Building,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

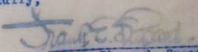
Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 6th instant and have been holding your deposit pending the receipt from you of a letter of advice which is necessary before deposits can be entered on our books and paid for but inadvertently you were not advised of this requirement.

I regret to say, however, that as the Mint does not accept deposits which have a value under \$100.00, your consignment, which weighs 4.58 troy ounces, does not contain sufficient value for acceptance and if you can conveniently do so, I would suggest that you send about three ounces of similar material to be added thereto in order that it will have the necessary value.

Upon receipt of this additional material, your shipment will be treated promptly and payment forwarded you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Stamp returned

January 8, 1930

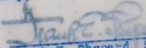
Mr. Thomas McMahon,
Judith Gap, Montana.

Dear Sir:

As requested by you on my letter to you of the 3rd instant, I have this day delivered to Carl Blaurock, Mack Block, this city, the dental bridge recently forwarded by you to this institution, with the request that Mr. Blaurock make returns thereon direct to you.

Trusting that this will be satisfactory, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 8, 1930


Mr. Stewart Campbell,
Inspector of Mines, Mining Department
State of Idaho, Boise, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

As requested by your letter of the 6th instant, the following is a list of the deposits received at this institution from the State of Idaho during the calendar year 1929 and constitutes all the information in my possession relative thereto:

May 13.	Frank Caste, Stanley, Idaho; Gold 12.048 ozs. Silver 8.51 ozs.
May 21	First Nat'l Bank, Lewiston, Ida. Lone Pine Mine, Gold 73.258 ozs. Silver 31.84 ozs.
May 31	First Nat'l Bank, Denver. Sweet Gulch, Carlo Poncia, Boise, Gold 7.429 ozs. Silver 3.17 ozs.
Jun. 22	First Nat'l Bank, Lewiston, Ida., Lone Pine Mine, Gold 418.220 ozs. Silver 177.35 ozs.
Jun. 29	Burlingame & Parker, Denver, Gold 4.712 ozs. Silver 1.45 ozs.
Jul. 5	First Nat'l Bank, Lewiston, Ida., Lone Pine Mine, Gold 146.827 ozs. Silver 63.64 ozs.
Jul. 20	J. R. Mahan, Lowman, Idaho, Gold 9.199 ozs. Silver 3.95 ozs.
Aug. 20	Mrs. G. W. Friend, Denver. Rough Creek, Idaho. Gold 6.219 ozs. Silver .81 oz.
Aug. 24	Burlingame & Parker, Denver, Gold 8.019 ozs. Silver 4.27 ozs.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

January 9, 1930

Mr. C. W. Barge,
Winnemucca, Nevada.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 6th instant and have to say that since writing you on the 4th instant your consignment has been received and a preliminary test made of its precious metal content and I find that it will probably not have a value in excess of \$30.00 - having less than 500 parts out of a possible 1000 in the precious metals and half of that appears to be silver.

In view of the fact that the regulations do not permit me to receive deposits which do not contain at least \$100. in value, I would suggest that you either send sufficient additional material to be added to this lot, or if that is not convenient, please forward the necessary postage and insurance and your metal will be returned you.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 9, 1930

Mrs. S. C. Roberts,
515 West New York Avenue,
Canon City, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your note of the 6th instant, please be advised that I have no information as to the present value or marketability of the German marks and would suggest that you write to the German Consul in this city relative to the marks in your possession. I have no doubt, however, that he will desire a more detailed description of these marks - whether they are bonds, currency, etc.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 9, 1930

Mr. W. J. Sanders,
204 North Morgan Street,
Rockford, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 5th instant,
I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post the
small amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for pur-
chase, having used the 15¢ enclosed with your letter as
follows:

Postage	3¢
Insurance	8¢
Stamps returned ...	4¢

Respectfully,


Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

January 9, 1930

F. Bangs & Company,
Salina, Kansas.

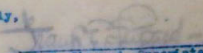
Gentlemen:

I have your consignment of recent date but so far have not received from you a letter of advice which is necessary before your consignment can be entered on our books and paid for.

I note that you value your shipment at \$100.00 and have to advise in this connection that no deposits are received which have a value under that amount and in the event it should not be found to contain \$100.00 in value after it has been treated, it will be necessary for me to reject your deposit and impose such charges thereon as have been incurred up to the time of its rejection. I would therefore suggest that if there is any doubt whatever as to this material containing the required value you send an additional amount to be added thereto in order to insure its being accepted.

Kindly advise me promptly.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 10, 1930

Mr. Gus C. Seelig,
505 Hunstock Avenue,
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Mr. Seelig:

I have your letter of the 7th instant and regret to note that the returns made by me on your recent deposit at this institution were less than you anticipated.

I have had your deposit carefully checked in every way and do not find that any error has been made either in the assay or payment, and I believe if you will go over your figures carefully you will find that you over-estimated the value of the material you forwarded here.

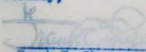
You will note that while you state you were forwarding 10 ounces, your material weighed upon receipt here 10.55 troy ounces, of which there was a loss of .14 of an ounce owing to the presence of dirt and copper which brought the net weight after melting down to 10.41 troy ounces with a gold fineness of 861 $\frac{1}{2}$ and a silver fineness of 141.

I am very glad to have you write me at any time when you feel that returns do not come up to your expectations, and to check assays and calculations of such deposits and to make good any error which

may be made by this institution.

With best wishes for your continued prosperity during
the ensuing year, I am

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 11, 1930

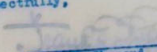
Mr. H. E. Francis,
Bonne Terre, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 7th instant,
I have this day forwarded to the United States Assay Office
at Salt Lake City, Utah, the sample of rock you sent to this
Mint for assay, having used the 18¢ in stamps enclosed with
your letter as follows:

Postage	12¢
Insurance	5¢
Stamp herewith	1¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

January 11, 1930

Miss Annie C. Bierbaum,
1065 Tenth Street,
Boulder, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th instant and believe from the fact that the list of articles which you desire to sell consist principally of plated ware, which contains very little gold or silver, it would be impossible for the Mint to purchase these articles as the regulations prescribe that only deposits having a minimum value of \$100.00 may be received for purchase.

It is also likely that the amount of base metal would be in excess of the amount deposits may contain in order to be received.

Regretting my inability to help you in this matter,

I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

January 13, 1930

Mr. A. N. Lombardi,
110 San Francisco Street,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 9th instant and accompanying package containing one small bar of gold and 21 pieces of silver and have to request that you advise me promptly as to the nature of this material - whether it consists of old jewelry or mining gold and silver - this being necessary to enable me to furnish the Treasury Department with statistics as to the nature of the material received.

In the event that this gold and silver have been received from old Mexico, it will be necessary for you to furnish me an affidavit giving information as to the parties from whom you obtained it and the conditions, full information concerning which will be furnished you upon receipt of your advice as to the source of this bullion.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 13, 1930

Mr. R. E. Gray,
Hughsville, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request on my letter of the 3rd to you, I have this day returned to you by parcel post (uninsured) the sample of rock forwarded by you to this Mint for assay - having used the 14¢ enclosed with your note as follows:

Postage	12¢
Stamp herewith	2¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

January 30, 1930

Mr. Ernest Berger,
First National Bank Building,
Tampa, Florida.

Dear Sir:

I have your consignment of recent date but regret to say that I am unable to purchase same as no deposits are received which have a value under \$100.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your gold will be returned you.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 13, 1930

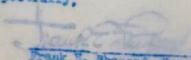
Mr. John Torsek,
Hudson, Wyoming,

Dear Sir:

I have your consignment of recent date which I have not opened owing to the fact that it contains less than three ounces and would not therefore contain sufficient value for acceptance by this institution - no deposits being received which do not contain at least \$100.00 in value.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your material will be returned.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 13, 1930

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Griffin,
16 East Cross Street,
Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Dear Sir and Madam:

I have your letter of the 8th instant requesting information relative to the supposed gold ore in your possession and have to say that if you desire to have an assay made of your samples, reliable assay can be made for you by the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for each sample - money order for the proper amount payable to that office to accompany your samples.

I have no doubt you can obtain information from the United States Land Office at Washington, D. C., regarding the matter of taking up mineral claims but before proceeding to do this, I would suggest that you first make sure that your samples contain gold as sand and rock oftentimes have that appearance when there is no gold present.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Ward, Superintendent

January 13, 1929.

American Hard Rubber Company,
11 Mercer St.,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Referring to my order No. 102, dated November 4, 1928, for one steel body rubber covered filter, and one steel body rubber covered tank, I have to advise you that the articles were received on the 23d of last month, but up to this time we have not received an invoice for them. Please note that on the purchase order, you were requested to furnish invoice in duplicate with the original certified.

The contract price for the filter, including cover, was \$177.00, but in your letter of November 23, 1928, you stated that by omitting the cover, the price would be \$157. In making up your invoice, please give the contract price for this item and then show the allowance of \$20. for the cover not furnished.

Upon receipt of your invoice in duplicate, with the original certified as per the attached memorandum, payment will be made promptly.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

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By Dean Hinckley

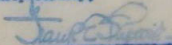
January 15, 1930

Mr. R. B. Allison,
704 Majestic Building,
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 9th addressed to the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Assaying, has been referred to me and in reply I have to advise that this institution is not equipped to make assays of mineral bearing specimens. Reliable assays can be made for you, however, by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, each sample - money order for the proper amount payable to that office to accompany your samples.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 13, 1930

Dr. W. I. Newson,
Marked Tree, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 11th instant, please be advised that this institution will purchase scrap gold and silver when forwarded in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and where the precious metal content is at least 200 assay parts out of a possible 1000.

The Mint makes no allowance for platinum or other metal which may be contained in such deposits. Consignments should be accompanied by a letter of advice as deposits cannot be entered on our books and paid for until such advice has been received.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on this subject.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T
Enclosure

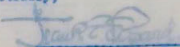
January 13, 1930

Mr. L. E. Griffith,
1514 Howard Street, 3rd Floor,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

As requested by your letter of the 4th instant,
I have this day returned you by Railway Express Agency,
charges collect, your recent deposit at this institution
and am enclosing a receipt for the \$1.00 paid by you to
cover our melting charge on this consignment.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

January 13, 1930

Miss Louise Haber,
331 North First Avenue,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 10th instant, please be advised that while this institution from time to time receives solid and plated silver ware for melting, the regulations would not permit us to dispose of same to other parties.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 13, 1930

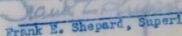
Eisele Gold Refinery,
201 City National Bank,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a deposit bearing your name but so far have not received from you a letter of advice concerning same.

Under the regulations deposits cannot be entered on our books and treated until such letter of advice has been received. I have therefore to request that you will write me promptly regarding your consignment.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

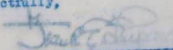
January 13, 1930

Mrs. Kenneth F. Johnson,
Box 85, Cody, Wyoming.

Dear Madam:

I have your note of the 5th instant and have to advise that you have been misinformed regarding the desire of the Government to call in Lincoln pennies. The Government never calls in any coins nor does it deal in old or rare specimens of any description and pay a premium thereon.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 14, 1930

Mr. Ray C. Skow,
130 Kansas Street,
Rapid City, South Dakota.

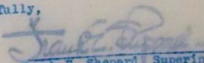
Dear Sir:

In compliance with request contained in your letter of the 9th instant, I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post the consignment forwarded by you to this Mint, having used the 25¢ enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	3¢
Insurance	8¢
Stamps herewith	14¢

Replying to the last paragraph of your letter, I have to advise that the Mint does not issue any bulletins regarding gold consignments and I regret my inability to be of service to you in this matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

January 14, 1930

Mr. John F. Tinker,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Tinker:

In view of the fact that you will retire from the service at the close of business on Saturday, January 18th, 1930, when you will have reached your sixty fifth birthday and have served twenty four years in the Government service at this institution, we wish to express our regret that you do not feel inclined to avail yourself of an extension as provided in the Retirement Act which would have been granted you cheerfully had you so desired.

As you have made up your mind to retire, however, we want you to know your record at the Mint has not only always been beyond criticism but worthy of the highest commendation. Your bearing toward your fellow workers has ever been courteous and helpful and too much praise cannot be expressed for the excellent and high order of your work.

We trust you will continue to feel you are still a member of the Mint family and when you retire you carry with you our best wishes for a long life and that each day will bring you the large measure of happiness your fullness and work well performed entitle you.

Sincerely yours


Superintendent

Chief Clerk

DN:T

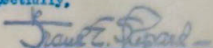
January 14, 1930

Hurst Loan Office,
1519 East 18th Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your name on the outside but have not yet received from you a letter of advice pertaining to same - such letter being necessary before your deposit can be entered on our books and paid for. I have therefore to request that you will write me promptly concerning this shipment.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 14, 1930.

American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway, New York City.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find my check in the amount of
\$14,632.65 in payment of 80,285 pounds of copper received on
my recent purchase from you under contract No. Tia-61 and as
per your invoice No. 60935 dated the 6th instant.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:V

Enclosure

January 16, 1930

Mr. H. Leggett,
Mineral Wells, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant, please be advised that the Mint does not buy gold bearing ore and buys gold only when it is in metal form.

If you think your ore contains gold, I would suggest that you have it assayed to be sure of that fact before you go to any expense other than to have it assayed. I would suggest that you send a sample to the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, where your ore will be assayed for gold at a charge of \$1.00. If you send a sample to that office, it should be accompanied by a money order for \$1.00, which is the regular charge for making such an assay.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 15, 1920.

Dr. C. E. Doty,
Pratt, Kansas.


Dear Sir:

I have your letter and consignment under date of the 15th instant and have to advise that in view of the fact that your package unopened weighs 3.39 troy ounces, it will not have sufficient value for acceptance by this institution - it being necessary that all deposits contain at least \$100.00 in value in order to be acceptable for purchase.

As it usually requires about eight ounces of the average dental gold to meet our requirements, I would suggest that you send about five ounces more to be added to this lot when same will be treated and paid for. If this is not convenient, however, kindly forward me the necessary postage and insurance and your material will be returned you.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you full information relative to the receipt of deposits.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

January 15, 1930.

Mr. Eldon Cossatt,
5493 Concord Avenue,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 13th instant in which you request an assay of some samples which you are forwarding from a section of land near Brighton, Michigan, and in reply have to advise that the Mint is not equipped to make analyses of mineral bearing rock, sand, etc.

The United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, however, can do reliable work for you in this connection at a charge of \$1.00 for gold, \$1.00 for silver, \$1.50 for lead, \$2.00 for copper and \$2.00 for zinc - money order for the proper amount payable to that office to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the samples which you have forwarded here, please send me the necessary postage and insurance and they will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 16, 1930

J. Burri Jewelry Company,
1608 Capital Avenue, Wynde Building,
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a deposit with your name on the inside weighing, upon receipt here, 5.15 troy ounces, and have to advise that as no deposits are received having a value under \$100.00, your consignment is not sufficient to meet that requirement. It usually requires about $6\frac{1}{2}$ ounces of 14-karat gold to run \$100.00 and I would therefore suggest that you send not less than 3 ounces more of similar material to be added to this lot. If this is not convenient, however, your material will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information and I would suggest that you read same carefully when contemplating making shipments to this Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:N

Enclosure

January 18, 1920

M. L. Dunn Jewelry Company,
Attention: M. H. Dunn,
329 West 12th Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 15th instant and of the gold mentioned therein as being shipped by express.

Inasmuch as your value of this consignment is only \$75, it is too small for us to accept as our minimum is \$100. If you can send three ounces or more of similar material, the two lots can be combined and payment made therefor. If you cannot send this additional amount, your bullion will be returned. Receipt of notice to that effect.

Please advise me promptly.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

BCP:T

January 18, 1930

Mr. J. L. Johnson,
120 South Corona Street,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

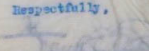
Dear Sir:

Regarding to your letter of the 14th instant, I have to advise you that the Mint does not deal in old coins and I am unable to inform you as to the value of the half dollar of 1800 to which you refer.

You can probably secure the address of numismatists by referring to the advertising sections of some of the larger magazines.

Regretting my inability to serve you, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECV:T

January 18, 1930

Mr. J. J. Levinson,
Rapid City, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 15th instant, I have to advise you that the Mint will purchase your gold jewelry scrap which you estimate to be worth \$150.00, providing that the base content is not above 80 parts out of a possible 1000.

Should any appreciable part of your scrap consist of filled material, at least one-fourth of the entire weight should be of 18-karat gold or solid silver in order that the base content may not be above 100 parts.

Shipments should be addressed to the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado, and may be made either by express or mail as you prefer - all transportation charges being prepaid. A letter of advice should also accompany your consignment.

The enclosed circular will give you full information relative to the receipt of deposits at the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF
Enclosure

January 17, 1930

Weissner Jewelry Company,
315 South Adams Street,
Peoria, Illinois.


Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 14th instant asking if old silver watchcases and flat ware can be accepted by the Mint, I have to advise you that we can handle the cases, and also the flat ware if it is solid silver when sent with your gold scrap.

Gold filled scrap, as you know, contains very little gold so if you include it in your consignment it should not be more than one-fifth of the total weight - the balance being at least 18-karat gold or solid silver in order that the base metal will not be more than 800 parts out of a possible 1000.

The enclosed circular will give you additional information relative to the receipt of deposits by the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

BCFF
Enc'd

January 17, 1930

American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway, New York City.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find my check No. 11405 in the amount of \$14,727.35 in payment of 79,715 pounds of copper received on my recent purchase from you under contract No. T4a-61 and as per your invoice No. 61029, dated the 8th instant.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECFF

Enclosure

January 18, 1930

Messrs. Hauser-Miller,
113-5 North Eleventh Street,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 15th instant, I have to advise you that in our refinery we use an electrolytic process that has been developed in the Mint service and there is not any literature available regarding it.

While the electrolytic process is efficient for refining gold and silver on a large scale, it is a very technical operation and I doubt if it would be practicable for refining small quantities and it is expensive to install.

If you will write to McGraw-Hill Publishing Company, 10th Avenue at 36th Street, New York City, New York, and tell them just what you desire, they may be able to give you the names of books that would give you the desired information.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard
Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

EF:T

January 10, 1930

Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your voucher-
check No. 38430, in amount \$2.05, covering commission on
collections from telephone booth No. Main-9972 for the period
December 10, 1929 to January 10, 1930.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

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January 20, 1930

Mr. E. F. Burkhardt,
117 Dekkers Avenue,
Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your note of the 16th instant, please be advised that this institution will accept deposits of solid gold and gold filled scrap when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100 and where the gold content is at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit, that is, consists of at least 200 assay parts of gold out of a possible 1000.

I am enclosing a circular giving further information on this subject and you will please note also that it is necessary that each consignment be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

January 20, 1920.

Mr. T. H. Leach,
P. O. Box 7,
Imperial, California.

Dear Sir:

Your letter addressed to the "Denver Assay Office" has been referred to me, there being no such firm in Denver.

The Mint issues no literature of the kind desired by you, although you probably have in mind a booklet published by the Denver Chamber of Commerce under the title "The Prospectors Hand Book", which was published some years ago but which I am advised is now out of print.

The stamps enclosed with your letter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

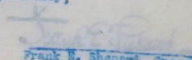
January 20, 1930

Mr. T. G. R. Cockings,
130 East Third Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

As requested by your postal card of recent date,
I am enclosing duplicate assay certificate covering your
sample recently deposited at this institution.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

P.S. Your sample of silver will be returned you upon receipt
of the necessary postage.

January 20, 1930

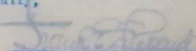
Dr. C. E. Doty,
Pratt, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 18th instant,
I have this day returned to you by registered mail the small
amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase,
having used the 50¢ enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	8¢
Registry fee	15¢
Coins enclosed	27¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure


January 20, 1930

Mr. A. H. Lombardi,
110 San Francisco Street,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have your note of the 16th instant and accompanying affidavit which you will please note from my letter to you was not required except in case the silver or gold deposited by you was produced in Old Mexico. It is necessary, however, that depositors state the source from which their bullion has been obtained - whether it is mining gold or silver or whether it consists of dental or jewelry scrap, etc.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 20, 1936


Industrial Gas Producers,
Box 200,
Cherryvale, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 16th instant stating that you are forwarding under separate cover a small quantity of smelted metal which you desire to have assayed for tin and silver and in reply have to advise that the Mint is not equipped to make assays of this kind but the work can probably be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah. The charge for silver assay is \$3.00 but I am not advised as to the charge for tin and would suggest that you write that office for further information on the subject before forwarding your samples.

If you desire the return of the sample which you have forwarded here, please send the necessary postage and it will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T


January 20, 1930.

Davis & Wheeler,
Cutbank, Montana.

Gentlemen:

Answering your inquiry of the 16th instant, I have to advise that in view of the fact your silver coins are pressed together and some partly melted, they can be purchased only at their bullion value.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:E

January 20, 1930

Billings Dental Supply Company,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter and consignment under date of the 18th instant and note that you give the weight of your material as being 55 ounces, whereas upon receipt here it weighs 53.31 troy ounces.

In view of the fact that the package was received in good condition and the seals were unbroken, I have proceeded to treat same believing your weight to be an error. However, I thought proper to advise you and trust that my action in proceeding will be satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

January 20, 1930

Marsh & McLennan,
80 Maiden Lane,
New York City.


Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 17th instant and replying to the paragraph requesting information as to what FYK coins are, I have to say that the law requires that a certain number of coins from each delivery, gold or silver, made by the Superintendent of Coining to the Superintendent of the Mint be reserved for test as to fineness and weight by the Annual Assay Commission appointed by the President with the concurrence of the Secretary of the Treasury and the Director of the Mint.

These coins are retained at the different Mints and forwarded quarterly to the United States Mint at Philadelphia where the Annual Assay Commission meets on the second Wednesday in February of each year.

The phrase "FYK Coins" is derived from the money chest for new coins formerly kept in the Chapel of the Fry in Westminster Abbey.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 21, 1930

Mr. Frank Daly,
Swartzburg, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 18th instant and am also in receipt of your package containing melted silver coin. I have examined your metal very carefully but owing to its fused condition it is impossible for me to say just what its value may be and this cannot be determined definitely without melting the material into one mass and making an assay of it. This will also determine the presence of any gold coins that may be contained therein and enable me to ascertain its exact bullion value and to pay you whatever that may be, no other reimbursement being permissible under the circumstances. I judge it will run anywhere from \$80.00 to \$100.00, or more, but as I have already stated, a definite estimate of the value of these coins cannot be made in their present state..

If you desire me to proceed on the above basis, I will thank you to advise me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Ben Harrison
Acting Superintendent

OH:T

January 21, 1930

Krigel Jewelry & Trunk Company,
Corner, Main & Ohio Streets,
Sedalia, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your label on the outside but to date have not received from you a letter of advice pertaining thereto.

The regulations do not permit deposits to be entered on our books and paid for unless they are accompanied by a letter of advice and I will therefore thank you to write me promptly concerning your shipment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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Acting Superintendent

OH:T

January 22, 1930.

Secretary, Thirteenth Civil Service District,
Post Office Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Will you kindly furnish me with the Helper List and also the list for Skilled Laborers, from which to make one appointment at \$5.00 per day?

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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Acting Superintendent

OH:T


January 22, 1930

M&L Dunn Jewelry Company,
329 West 12th Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Complying with request contained in your letter of the 20th instant, I have this day returned to you in sealed sacks by Railway Express Agency, Inc., your gold bar forwarded to this Mint for purchase, charges collect.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

January 22, 1930

Dr. C. C. Winfrey,
400 Euclid Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I have your consignment under date of the 15th instant and have proceeded to treat the various lots contained therein with the exception of the contents of the box of silver amalgam which the Mint cannot accept owing to the large amount of mercury which this amalgam contains. If you are able to have most of the mercury driven off this amalgam, it could be received and added to other material you may have to forward here of proper fineness and value such as the lots comprised in this shipment which have been accepted.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance, this amalgam will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 23, 1930

Mr. John Casewood,
Mt. Harris, Routt County,
Colorado. Box 97-A

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 21st instant, I have to submit the names of the following firms with whom you might correspond in reference to an assay of your material:

Burlingame & Parker, 1901 Lawrence Street, Denver,
J. W. Richards & Son, 1118 - 19th Street, "
Root & Simpson, 1806 East 17th Avenue. "

I have to advise in this connection, however, that the Government assumes no responsibility nor recommends any outside dealer or assay firm although the above named firms are believed to be reliable.

The Mint is not equipped to make assays of mineral bearing rock but should you desire a Government assay, the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, is equipped to do work of that kind at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver for each sample - money order for the proper amount to accompany your specimens.

The 2¢ in stamps enclosed with your letter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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Enclosure

January 23, 1930

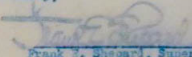
Andrew's Jewelry Manufacturing Company,
1009 Walnut Street, Fifth Floor,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

In reference to your letter of the 21st instant,
please be advised that the regulations do not permit the
Mint to sell silver in any quantity.

You may be able to purchase this silver from the
Denver Fire Clay Company, 1744 Champa Street, or from Carl
Blaurock, Mack Block, Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 25, 1930

Mr. Eldon F. Gossett,
6493 Concord Avenue,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 20th instant,
I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post the
samples forwarded by you to this institution for analysis,
having used the money enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage 10¢
Insurance 5¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

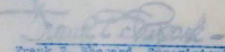
January 23, 1930

Mr. J. E. Deacon,
4925 Greenwood Street,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 21st
instant, please be advised that the Mint does
not deal in old coins nor have for distribution
any literature pertaining thereto.

Respectfully,


Frank T. Shepard, Superintendent

ON:T

January 23, 1930

Mr. O. V. Burge,
Midas, Nevada.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 19th instant advising me that you are now located at Midas, Nevada, instead of at Winnemucca, from which latter place you forwarded a consignment to this institution and to which address I wrote you on the 9th instant that I could not accept your material owing to the fact that it did not contain sufficient value- a copy of my letter being herewith enclosed.

I am still holding your bullion and if you are not able to send some additional material to be added thereto in order that your deposit will have the required value, please advise me to that effect and enclose the necessary postage and insurance for its return to you.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CHT
Enclosure

January 23, 1930

Mr. Mabelyn Arbuckle,
Ballard Mill,
Dumble Bee, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 20th instant and have to advise that I am very glad to return you the leather gold shipping bag in which your recent consignment was forwarded to this institution.

While these containers are kept for a considerable period before being thrown away, the Mint has not made a practice of returning them to the shipper unless requested to do so in which case they are always gladly returned.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

January 25, 1930

Mr. Ernest Berger,
First National Bank Building,
Tampa, Florida.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your notation on my letter of January 15th, 1930, in reference to your consignment which I am holding owing to its lack of sufficient value and have to advise that your material weighs 3.88 troy ounces and would probably have a value of approximately \$50.00, although this cannot be determined definitely without melting it and thus driving off some of the mercury which it probably contains.

The law does not permit the receipt from depositors of gold coin of legal weight but if you have some mutilated or uncurrent gold coin in sufficient value to bring your consignment up to the required value of \$100.00, you may forward same here, or you might obtain the necessary gold from a dentist in your city. In the latter event I would suggest that you send about three and a half troy ounces of good dental gold.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

January 28, 1950

Miss Myrtle V. Day,
Concord, Nebraska.

Dear Madam:

I have your note of the 22nd instand and in reply please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins nor have I any information as to what premiums are paid thereon by coin collectors or numismatic dealers.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OH:T

13th

Superintendent
United States Mint and Assay

January

27th

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Henry S. Brandon

575 South Williams Street, Denver, Colorado.

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Skilled Laborer

5.00

day

the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado.

Please call at my office at your earliest convenience and bring
this notice with you.

[Signature]
Superintendent

January 27, 1930

Joseph Dixon Crucible Company,
Jersey City, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 22nd instant, please be advised that the award for 100 No. 14 Special Mint Crucibles and 50 No. 50 Special Mint Crucibles was made to the Vesuvius Crucible Company at \$1.68 and \$5.00 each, respectively - your quotation having been \$1.92 and \$6.00 each, respectively.

Thanking you for having submitted a price on the above articles, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 27, 1930

Mr. E. C. Pearman,
Route 1,
Gravette, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

I have your note of the 23rd instant and accompanying sample of rock which you desire to have assayed and in reply have to advise that the Mint is not equipped to do work of that kind.

Reliable assays can be made for you, however, by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold, \$1.00 for silver, \$1.50 for lead, \$2.00 for copper and \$2.00 for zinc, each sample - money order for the proper amount to accompany your specimens.

If you desire the return of the sample which you have forwarded here, kindly send me the necessary postage.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T


January 27, 1930

Mr. George E. Hemphill,
C/o Ferris Hotel,
Rawlins, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 25th instant, and accompanying consignment which weighs upon receipt here 11.87 troy ounces. Your package was received in good condition and contained one retort but in view of the fact that you state your gold weighs approximately 16 ounces, I feel it proper to advise you of the weight as received here. I have proceeded to treat it and trust my action in doing so will be satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 26, 1930

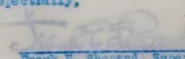
Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt on
the 27th instant of the following dies, on Gov-
ernment bill of lading No. T 57485 via Railway
Express Agency, Inc.:

10 - Obverse One-Cent Dies, Nos 121 to 130, Inc.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

January 28, 1930

Mrs. A. H. Scruggs,
Salina Store Route, Boulder County,
Wallstreet, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 27th instant and under separate cover the two small buttons of amalgam which weigh upon receipt here 10.76 ounces, troy.

In view of the fact that two-thirds of this weight will probably consist of mercury, the remaining gold will not be of sufficient value for acceptance for purchase - the minimum value of deposits received being \$100. It would also be necessary that more of this mercury be driven off before the Mint could receive this material.

I would therefore suggest that you send the necessary postage and insurance for the return of this gold to you and if you can have it retorted and add enough more to give it the required value, I shall be very glad to have you send it here for purchase.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you full information relative to the receipt of deposits at the United States Mints and Assay Offices.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

January 28, 1930.

Gardner Agency, Inc.,
630 Gas & Electric Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

At the request of MR. John P. Tinker, who has been employed at this institution as skilled workman and under bond with the Hartford Accident & Indemnity Company in the penal sum of \$2000, of which company you are the local agent, I have to advise that Mr. Tinker arrived at the retirement age on January 18, 1930, and at the close of business that day was formally retired from the service.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

January 29, 1930

Dr. J. D. Rowe,
4050 Broadway,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:


I am in receipt of a consignment weighing 3.81 troy ounces with your card enclosed which I regret to say the Mint is not able to purchase owing to the fact that the regulations require that all deposits must contain a minimum value of \$100.

I would therefore suggest that you send about 5 ounces more of similar material to be added to this lot, but if this is not convenient, your material will be returned upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

In this connection please be advised that it is also necessary that deposits be accompanied by a letter of advice before they can be entered on our books and paid for.

You will find enclosed a circular which will give you full information relative to the receipt of deposits at the United States Mints and Assay Offices.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

January 29, 1930

Mr. W. R. Holt, Cashier,
First National Bank,
Buffalo, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 27th instant and regret to say that the Mint would be unable to receive the raw gold mentioned by you as the regulations at the present time do not permit the acceptance of deposits having a value of less than \$100.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 29, 1930

Miss Viola Augustine,
Cresbard, South Dakota.

Dear Miss Augustine:

Replying to your letter of the 27th instant, please be advised that the Mint does not issue any literature containing information pertaining to the manufacture of money.

Paper currency is all made at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 30, 1930

Mr. C. M. Duncan,
Assistant Cashier,
Citizens' National Bank,
Hillsboro, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith the piece of metal forwarded with your letter of the 28th instant and have to advise that this is brass and is of no value.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

January 30, 1930.

Mr. E. C. Carothers,
Broken Bow, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 26th instant and under separate cover your bar and odd pieces of gold and powder and regret to say that I do not believe the small amount of gold you have sent will raise the fineness of your bar sufficiently to enable me to accept it owing to the large amount of base which it contains as you were apprized in my previous letter.

Of course, the amount of gold that may be contained in the powder is a very doubtful matter and might result in further decreasing the precious metal content of your deposit.

I believe that if you could add about 10 ounces of high grade silver it would be sufficient to increase the precious metal content of your consignment.

As I stated in my prior letter, no deposits are received which have 800 or more assay parts of base metal and it will be necessary for you to meet that requirement before I could accept your deposit.

Awaiting your further advice in the matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 30, 1930

Mr. Adolph Hapke,
29th and Summit Streets,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your consignment of recent date and in order to insure that your material will have the necessary value of \$100.00, which the regulations require deposits shall contain in order to be accepted, I would suggest that you send one or two ounces more of similar material to be added to this consignment.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you full information regarding the receipt of deposits from which you will see that it is necessary that all deposits shall have the required value.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

January 30, 1930

Mr. Hale Sorenson,
223 - 25th Street,
Ogden, Utah.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your consignment under date of the 26th instant and regret to say that I am unable to accept this material for purchase owing to the fact that it is now necessary that all deposits contain a value of \$100.00, at least.

If you are able to send an additional lot which will bring your consignment up to the above value, I shall be very glad to have you do so - otherwise it will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

In this connection please also be advised that filled ware contains very little gold as a general rule and I would therefore suggest that should you send more of similar material, you add enough good gold or silver to insure your deposit having a precious metal content of at least one-fifth of its weight.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you full instructions regarding the receipt of deposits at the Mints and Assay Offices which may be of some help to you in determining the amount that you should send to insure its acceptance.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OM:F
Enclosure

January 30, 1930

Mr. F. W. Thorne, Manager,
Midwest Mines Corporation,
South Pass, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 27th instant and have duly noted its contents. Our records show that your deposit was first handed to the First National Bank of Lander, Wyoming, and by that bank forwarded to the First National Bank of Denver, which latter bank delivered it to this Mint and witnessed the weighing of your bullion, which weighed upon receipt here 18.20 troy ounces and not 22 ounces and 3 pennyweights as claimed by you.

For your information I have to append the gold and silver fineness of your previous deposit to which you call attention and also the gold and silver content of the one of which you now complain.

January 2, 1930

Received by registered mail - Paid to Company,
Net report weighing -

<u>P.M.</u>	<u>A.M.</u>	<u>Loss</u>	<u>Gold</u>	<u>Fineness Silver</u>	<u>Base</u>
18.29	16.31	3.97*	316	276	407

* Loss caused by high mercury content and sand.

M.W.Thorne

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January 23, 1930

Received from and paid to First National Bank, Denver.
 Bars and Buttons, Bank No.14690, weighing -

<u>B.M.</u>	<u>A.M.</u>	<u>Loss</u>	<u>Gold</u>	<u>Purity</u> <u>Silver</u>	<u>Base</u>
16.30	16.19	.11*	362	206	431

* Loss caused by copper and slag.

You will note that the precious metal content of your deposit of January 23rd is very similar to that contained in your deposit of January 2nd.

In this connection I have to say that when deposits are received here there is no guess work as to the weight received nor regarding the gold and silver content nor the amount of payment to be made. Every weight, assay and calculation as to value is checked by two or more persons and you were paid for the full value, less our charges, of your deposit.


I would call your attention to the fact that when deposits are received direct from depositors by mail or express it is necessary that they be accompanied by a letter of advice which should in all cases state the approximate weight of the deposit and when any variation is found in the weight, depositors are informed as to the weight received here and no further steps taken

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F.W.Thorne

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to treat the material until information has been received that
our weights are satisfactory.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 31, 1930

Mr. H. F. Fritsch,
132 West Vine Street,
Owatonna, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 27th instant and under separate cover your consignment which weighs upon receipt here 47.93 troy ounces but I am unable to purchase this material as the regulations do not permit the acceptance of deposits having a value less than \$100.00 which value, of course, your material would not approximate, silver at the present time being worth only 48¢ per fine ounce.

If you are able to send the additional amount required, approximately 190 ounces, I shall be very glad to have you do so. In the event, however, you are not able to procure the necessary additional silver in a reasonable time, it might assist you to dispose of the metal you have forwarded here to some dealer in your city who makes deposits at this institution such as the Josten Manufacturing Company and who would include it as a part of one of its deposits. So far as the condition of your metal is concerned, it is apparently satisfactory.

If you desire the return of your metal, please send the necessary postage and insurance unless, of course, you desire it returned by express.

Respectfully,

Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

January 31, 1930

Miss Ruby M. Hill,
911 Sixth Street,
Golden, Colorado.

Dear Miss Ruby:

I have your note of the 29th instant and while I should be very glad to send the information you desire, I regret to say that I am unable to do so owing to the fact that the Government does not publish any pamphlets or other literature explaining coining operations.

All paper money is manufactured at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington, D. C., and all metallic money at the Mints which are located at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco - the Philadelphia Mint having been established during the presidency of George Washington and is therefore the oldest Mint in the United States.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 31, 1920

Mr. John Henriksen,
318 South 17th Street,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your deposit of recent date consisting of gold and gold filled ware weighing, respectively, 15.15 troy ounces and 21.77 troy ounces.

Being to the fact that gold filled scrap contains a very large proportion of base metal, it is probable that the combination of these two lots will reduce the fineness of the whole to a point where the base content would exceed the amount permitted by the regulations which require that no deposit be received which contains 80 or more assay parts of base metal.

In order therefore to insure your deposit having the proper fineness after being melted, I would suggest that you send at least 5 ounces more of good silver to be added thereto.

Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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January 31, 1930

Mrs. H. W. Quarles,
611 Rosseguis Street,
Boise, Idaho.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 29th instant, please be advised that the smallest denomination of coin manufactured by the United States was the one-half cent bronze piece which was issued from 1793 to 1857.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 31, 1930

Mr. J. A. Wight,
Box 206,
Gelo, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 29th
instant, please be advised that one troy ounce
of absolutely pure gold is worth \$20.671834.

Respectfully


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T


January 31, 1930

Dr. C. C. Winfrey,
400 Euclid Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your notation on my letter of the
22nd instant, I have this day returned you by express,
charges collect, your recent consignment of silver amal-
gam which I advised could not be accepted.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

February 1, 1930

Mr. K. O. Hiali,
Galen, Via Deer Lodge,
Montana.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 29th ultimo and have to advise that I am unable to purchase the small piece of gold enclosed therewith as the Mint does not accept deposits which have a value under \$100.

Your piece of gold is returned herewith.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

February 1, 1930

Mr. C. Korber,
Alder at Fourth Street,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 28th ultimo and the consignment to which you refer therein and have to advise that the large proportion of base metal contained in your bar of filled scrap, which weighs 115.65 troy ounces, will probably bring the total amount of base metal contained in your deposit to such a high point that it will not meet our requirements, which you know are that no deposit shall contain 800 or more assay parts of base metal out of a possible 1000.

In order to prevent the rejection of your bar, should such a condition be found to exist, I would suggest that you send not less than 5 ounces of good silver to be added to your consignment. In the meantime I will hold your deposit until advised by you as to your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

February 1, 1930


Mogul's Incorporated,
Attention: Mr. Alvin R. Allison,
Lubbock, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 29th ultimo and the consignment to which you refer therein and have to advise that the large proportion of base metal in your ^{filled} scrap, which weighs, 215 troy ounces, will probably bring the total amount of base metal contained in your deposit to such a high point that your deposit will not meet our requirements which you know are that no deposit shall contain 800 or more assay parts of base metal out of a possible 1000.

In order to prevent the rejection of your deposit, should such a condition be found to exist, I would suggest that you send not less than 50 ounces of good silver to be added to your consignment. In the meantime I will hold your deposit until advised by you as to your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

February 1, 1930

Dr. B. F. Thielen,
Paris, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your consignment under date of the 30th instant, which weighs upon receipt here 6.22 troy ounces, and have to advise that it is doubtful if this material will contain sufficient value for acceptance, no deposit being received which do not contain at least \$100.00 in value. I would therefore suggest that you send 2 ounces more of gold scrap to be added to this lot and will thank you to advise me promptly of your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

February 3, 1930.


Mrs. Marion M. Tubbs,
104 Wilson Avenue,
Pocatello, Idaho.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 31st ultimo, please be advised that the use of stars as symbols of the States began in the first years of the national coinage. Until 1892 the six-pointed form of the star was employed; but on the reverse of the Half Dollar and Quarter of that year the five-pointed star was introduced, while the traditional six-pointed star was retained on the obverse. This change was probably due to the presence of the five-point star on the Great Seal of the United States, of which the reverse of these coins is an adaptation. Mr. Bela Lyon Pratt, of Boston, and one of the eminent sculptors of America, who designed the new Half Eagle and Quarter Eagle of 1908, employed the six-pointed stars on the obverse of these coins, but Mr. Saint-Gaudens whose design for the Double Eagle and Eagle was accepted, respected the well established tradition regarding the use and form of these stars and on the obverse and edges of these coins used the six-point variety.

Trusting this information will be of service to you in preparing your lecture, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

February 3, 1930

Mr. Forest Hove,
Lexington, Missouri. R.R. 1

Sir:

Answering your letter of the 1st instant, I have to say that so far as I am aware no Government agency would accept your silver sulphide for treatment nor do I know definitely of any private party who would undertake such work for you. The Colorado Refining & Research Corporation, 1277 South Cherokee Street, Denver, Colorado, however, is engaged in reclaiming the silver from "hypo" solutions and may be willing to assist you in this matter, although the Government never recommends any outside dealer nor accepts any responsibility when offering such suggestions.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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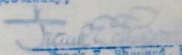
February 3, 1930

Mr. Worcester J. Perry,
325 Smith Street,
Providence, R. I.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 30th ultimo, I regret to advise you that our stock of one-cent bronze pieces of the coinage of 1922 has long since been exhausted and I am therefore unable to comply with your request.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

February 3, 1930

Dr. J. D. Rowe,
4050 Broadway,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 31st ultimo,
I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post the
small consignment of gold forwarded by you to this insti-
tution for purchase - having used the 22¢ in stamps enclosed
with your letter as follows:

Postage	5¢
Insurance	10¢
Stamps returned herewith ..	7¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

February 3, 1930

Mrs. A. H. Scruggs,
Salina Store Route,
Wallstreet, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Complying with your request of the 30th ultimo, I have this day returned to you by registered mail the gold buttons forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase - having used the 40¢ in postage enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	28¢
Registry fee	20¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

February 4, 1930

Miss Wilson,
542 West Loucks,
Sheridan, Wyoming.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your note of the 3rd instant,
please be advised that the Mints do not deal in old
coins nor does the Government pay a premium thereon.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

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February 4, 1940

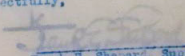
Nels Sorenson & Company,
Attention: Mr. Nels Sorenson,
223 Twenty-Fifth Street,
Ogden, Utah.

Gentlemen:

This is to advise you that in accordance with your request of recent date I have this day forwarded to the Speyer Smelting & Refining Company, Seattle, Washington, the small amount of jewelry scrap sent by you to this Mint for purchase, using the 50¢ enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage, parcel post	10¢
Insurance	10¢
Stamps enclosed herewith	30¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

February 4, 1940

Mr. C. W. Burge,
Midas, Nevada.

Dear Sir:

As per your request of the 29th ultimo, I have this day returned to you by registered mail the small amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using the 31g postage enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	16g
Registry fee	15g

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

February 4, 1930

Mr. A. E. Lawrence,
Deming, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter and consignment under date of the 31st ultimo and have to advise that the regulations now require that all deposits in order to be accepted for purchase must contain a minimum value of \$100. If you can send enough more material to give your consignment that value, I shall be glad to have you do so but in the event this is not convenient your material will be returned you by express, charges collect.

Please advise me promptly of your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

Circular enclosed

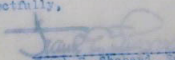
February 5, 1939

The Mile High Photo Company,
320 Seventeenth Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter received this morning from the City Loan & Saving Company, Lima, Ohio, and have to request that you will communicate with them and advise if you can supply them with a photograph of the Mint in Denver, and if so, the size and cost of same. If not, please inform them what the charge would be to take a photo of such size as you would think proper in the premises.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

February 8, 1930

Mr. J. M. Harvey, Assistant Secretary,
The City Loan & Savings Company,
Lima, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 3rd instant and have to advise that I do not have a photograph of the Mint. The Hill High Photo Company, 230 Seventeenth Street, this city, has at different times taken photographs of the Mint and may be able to supply you with one or take one for you. I have therefore, in accordance with your request sent a copy of your letter to them with the request that they communicate with you direct as to what they may be able to do in regard to supplying you with your needs in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

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February 5, 1930

Williams Gold Refining Company,
2976 Main Street,
Buffalo, New York.

Gentlemen:

At the request of Mr. Ernest Berger, First National Bank Building, Tampa, Florida, I am forwarding you this day for the account of the Anderson Dental Supply Company of Tampa, Florida, 3.08 troy ounces of gold which the Mint could not accept owing to the fact that it does not contain \$100.00 in value.

I have no doubt you will hear from the Anderson Dental Supply Company or Mr. Berger direct in regard to this shipment.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

February 5, 1930

Mr. Ernest Berger,
First National Bank Building,
Tampa, Florida.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your notation on my letter of the 25th ultimo, I have this day forwarded to the Williams Gold Refining Company, 2978 Main Street, Buffalo, New York, for the account of the Anderson Dental Supply Company of Tampa, Florida, the small consignment recently forwarded by you to this institution.

Although you request that this shipment be made by registered mail, you did not enclose sufficient postage to register and cover postage on same and I have therefore transmitted the package by insured parcel post and am returning herewith 5¢ in postage which is in excess of the amount required. I am enclosing a copy of my letter to the Williams Gold Refining Company for your information.

Trusting this is satisfactory, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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February 5, 1930

Chain O' Mines, Inc.
Central City, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

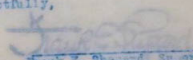
Referring to your shipment of recent date which you invoice as weighing 126.25 troy ounces, please be advised that upon receipt here the paper wrappings were very wet and your retort weighed 122.10 troy ounces, indicating that this retort had lost 4.15 troy ounces while in transit.

The seals on your box were intact and there was no indication that same had been tampered with.

Before sending the retort to the melting room it was held in the weigh room for two hours and then weighed again when its weight was found to be 120.56 troy ounces, or a total difference of 5.69 ounces from your invoice.

I am calling this matter to your attention in order that you will know how to account for the difference between your invoice weight and that shown in our memorandum of returns as the weight before and after melting and I also have to suggest that in future such retorts be held by you and thoroughly dried out before shipment in order that the weight upon receipt here will closely approximate the weight given in your invoice.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

February 6, 1930

Mr. E. E. Cuyar,
3826 1/2 Haverhill Drive,
Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

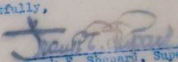
I have your letter of the 2nd instant enclosing draft in the sum of \$2.26 for which you desire two uncirculated half dollars for 1928 and the same for 1929.

Please be advised that application for new coins must now be made direct to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C., full information concerning which you will find in the enclosed circular which please read carefully.

In this connection I have to advise that while uncirculated half dollars for 1929 are now available, this Mint has not coined the half dollar for a number of years prior thereto, nor has it issued the standard silver dollar in recent years.

Your draft is herewith returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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February 6, 1930

Mr. H. P. Fritsch,
132 West Vine Street,
Owatonna, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request of the 3rd instant, I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post the silver forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using the 35¢ in postage enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	27¢
Insurance	8¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

February 6, 1930

Mr. B. F. Thiesen,
Paris, Texas.

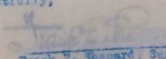
Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 4th instant and under separate cover the additional gold scrap to be added to your first consignment.

In view of the fact, however, that the Department has made it mandatory that deposits must contain at least \$100.00 and I am still in doubt whether the additional amount you have forwarded will give your deposit that value, I believe it would be best to hold your material until such time as you can forward at least another ounce or more of similar material when I do not think there will be any doubt about its having the acceptable value.

Trusting this will be satisfactory to you, I am

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

February 6, 1930

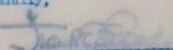
Mr. Frank E. Asomb, Assistant Cashier,
The Fifth Third Union Trust Company,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your note of the 4th instant, please be advised that application for new coins must now be made direct to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C., a circular being enclosed herewith containing full information relative thereto.

In this connection please also be advised that only one-cent bronze pieces for 1929 are now available, the bronze coinage for former years having been distributed.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

February 6, 1980

Mr. Leonard Miller,
Whitefish, Montana

Dear Sir:

Your note addressed to the "Deaver Assay Office" has been referred to me there being no office in this city under that designation. Replying thereto, please be advised that the Mint has no literature for distribution pertaining to the subject of mining.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

February 7, 1930

Mogul's Incorporated,
Attention: Mr. Alvin R. Allison,
Lubbock, Texas.

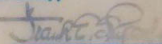
Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th instant and the 15.29 troy ounces of silver which you have forwarded for addition to your recent consignment and beg to advise, as stated in my letter of the 1st instant, it will be necessary for you to send a minimum of 50 ounces of good silver in order that your deposit will have at least 800 assay parts out of a possible 1000 of the precious metals - the regulations prohibiting the acceptance of deposits which do not contain that proportion of gold and silver.

As stated in my letter of the 1st instant, the filled scrap consisting of 215 ounces and which constitutes by far the major portion of your original consignment, undoubtedly contains a large amount of base metal and it is for the purpose of reducing that proportion of base metal that I have suggested to you to forward the 50 ounces of silver - the value being sufficient.

Should I proceed to treat your consignment as it now stands, even after the addition of the silver which you have just forwarded, and an assay thereof should determine that it contains 800 or more assay parts of base metal, it would be necessary for me to reject your deposit and impose a melting charge of \$1.00 which appears a needless expense to you if you can provide the necessary silver to give your deposit the proper fineness.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2

February 7, 1930

Coors Porcelain Company,
Golden, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Referring to my order No. 151 of January 3, 1928 for certain white porcelain filters, jars and covers for use in the refinery of this institution, a very small portion of which items have been furnished up to the present time, will you kindly advise me if it is probable that delivery can be made on the remainder of these items on or before June 30, 1930. Unless delivery and payment can be accomplished on or before that date, the regulations require that the funds which have been set aside for the liquidation of this order be turned into the surplus funds of the Treasury when they will no longer be under my control and it will be necessary therefore to cancel this order.

As you no doubt are aware, I am very anxious to secure these articles from you and I trust if it is not possible for you to complete this order you may be able to let me have some portion thereof and I will thank you to advise me at your earliest convenience as to what it will be possible for you to do.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

February 8, 1930

Mr. John F. Tinker,
Arvada, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Tinker:

I am in receipt this morning of a communication from the Chief, Division of Appointments, Treasury Department, to the Director of the Mint, advising that you have been granted an annuity of \$800.04 per annum under Section 1 of the Act of July 3, 1926, commencing January 19, 1930.

With kind regards, I am

Respectfully,



Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

February 7, 1930

Mr. B. O. Russell,
Central, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 3rd instant and also the small vial containing a little quicksilver and gold dust and have to advise that the Mint could only accept amalgam deposits when the same have been retorted and the quicksilver driven off.

I note you desire some information as to how to proceed to gather your gold and regret to advise that the Government so far as I am aware does not issue any literature or textbooks on this subject. I am of the opinion, however, that if you write to Wiley & Sons, Publishers, New York City, New York, and advise them as to the nature of your problem, they may be able to furnish you a rudimentary textbook on the subject at a reasonable cost.

If you desire the return of the amalgam you have forwarded here, please send me the necessary postage and it will be returned you promptly.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

February 10, 1930

El Paso National Bank,
El Paso, Texas.

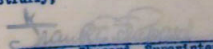
Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 7th instant with enclosed affidavit covering your recent consignment to this institution, No. 212 valued at \$6,000.00 and have to advise that the Treasury Department requires that affidavits state if Mexican gold forwarded to the Mints has been obtained from individuals or firms in the United States or from Mexico.

If such gold has been obtained from merchants or individuals residing in Mexico, it is necessary that the affidavit be accompanied by appropriate evidence showing that the gold has been properly declared to the United States Customs officials.

I am therefore returning your affidavit for emendation in the above respect and upon its return in satisfactory condition, payment for your shipment will be promptly made you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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Enclosure

February 10, 1930

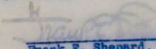
Mr. Edward Smith,
5 West Adams Street,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 7th instant and in reply have to say that this Mint has been in operation only since the latter part of 1904 since which time I do not find that Ezra W. Thayer has made any deposits here in his name nor under the name of the various mines given in your letter.

The Mint service forms were not supplied him from this institution so far as I can ascertain.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

February 10, 1930

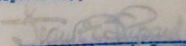
Mr. Rud. Kohler,
70 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your note of the 5th instant, the following list comprises the coinage of this institution for the calendar year 1929:

<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Pieces</u>	<u>Value</u>
Half Dollars	1,001,200	\$ 500,600.00
Quarters	1,356,000	339,500.00
Dimes	5,034,000	503,400.00
Nickels	8,370,000	418,500.00
Cents	41,730,000	417,300.00
	<hr/> 57,493,200	<hr/> \$2,179,300.00

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

February 10, 1930

Mr. E. C. Carothers,
Broken Bow, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

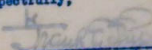
I am in receipt of your old gold and two silver watchcases forwarded by you for addition to your deposit which I have been holding owing to the fact that it does not contain either enough value or sufficient fineness and have to advise that this additional material will not suffice to render your consignment acceptable for purchase.

As I have endeavored to explain to you, deposits to be received must not contain less than \$100.00 in value nor may the base metal content exceed four-fifths of the weight of such deposits.

The two silver watchcases which you have just forwarded will contain very little silver and the gold is not of sufficient quantity to go very far toward putting your metal in acceptable condition..

You should send about \$40.00 in value and of sufficient purity to reduce the high proportion of base metal your various lots now contain and if you cannot do this I would suggest that you forward me the necessary postage and insurance for the return of your bullion, or if you prefer, it will be returned you by express, collect.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

February 11, 1930

Mr. J. J. Levinson,
Lead, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th instant and in reply have to say that while the Mint does not accept gold filled and gold plated ware as a deposit, such ware may be deposited when accompanied by sufficient high grade silver or gold to give it the required value of \$100.00 and a precious metal content of 200 assay parts out of a possible 1000.

I may explain that the reason gold filled ware and gold plated ware are not acceptable alone is due to the fact that such material contains very little gold and therefore would not meet our requirements as to value and fineness.

If you desire to send your filled and plated ware here for purchase and can send at the same time enough gold to give it a value of \$100.00 and about one-fourth of its weight in high grade silver to decrease the high base metal content of such material, I shall be glad to have you do so. In the event, however, you desire to have your bar returned you after assay and stamping by the Mint, this work can be done for you at a charge of \$5.00,

J.J.Levinson

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unless concordant assays are not obtainable after the first melting when it will be necessary to impose an additional melting charge. It is not likely, however, that this latter condition will occur.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

February 11, 1930

Mr. A. E. Lawrence,
Deming, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your note of the 7th instant, I have this day delivered to the Colorado Refining & Research Corporation of this city your recent deposit at this institution weighing 83.56 troy ounces.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T


February 11, 1930

Mr. Clark C. Briggs,
Briggs Block, 16 Clarke Street,
Burlington, Vermont.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 8th instant, I
have to advise that only what is commonly knows as the
"Buffalo Nickel" was coined at this institution during
the year 1913.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

February 11, 1930

Mr. E. B. Wilson,
Centry, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 7th instant,
please be advised that the 22-karat ring and the meteor
to which you refer would not contain enough value or be
in suitable condition for purchase by this institution.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

February 11, 1930

Mr. R. E. Smith,
Fort Thomas, Arizona.

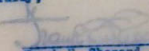
Dear Sir:

Your sample of rock forwarded to the "Denver Assaying Office" has been referred to me, there being no such office in Denver.

Please be advised that the Mint does not do work of this kind but reliable assays can be made for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver - money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the material you have forwarded here, kindly send the necessary postage.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

February 12, 1920

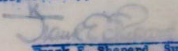
Mr. E. W. Duncan,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 10th instant, please be advised that this institution will purchase scrap gold, old jewelry and dental gold when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and where about one-fourth of the weight of the deposit consists of pure gold.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on the subject and might add that it would not appear that 6 ounces would be enough of the above material to meet our requirements, such articles requiring a deposit of around 10 ounces.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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February 12, 1930

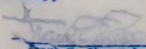
Mr. E. K. Abbott,
Salmon, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 8th instant and accompanying consignment of miscellaneous articles weighing all together 1.06 troy ounces, and have to advise that the Mint cannot purchase this material as the regulations do not permit the acceptance of consignments having a value under \$100.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance the above articles will be returned you.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

February 13, 1930

Dr. F. E. McCarthy,
124 East Second Street,
Salida, Colorado.

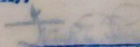
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your small consignment consisting of a ring, watch chain and charm weighing 4.12 troy ounces and regret to advise that the value contained therein is not sufficient for purchase by the Mint - it being necessary that all deposits have a minimum value of \$100.

It does not appear that your consignment will have a value in excess of \$50.00 and if you can send enough additional material to give your combined deposit a value not less than \$100.00, I shall be very glad to have you do so. Should this not be convenient, however, please send me the necessary postage and insurance for its return to you.

A circular containing full information as to the receipt of deposits at the Mints is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

February 13, 1930

Mr. J. M. Siegel,
227 West Third Street,
Davenport, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your name on the outside but to date have not received from you a letter of advice covering this shipment.

In view of the fact that deposits cannot be entered upon our books and paid for until such advices are received, I have to request that you will advise me promptly concerning this deposit.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

February 13, 1930

Dr. V. S. Stephens,
Fort Collins, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your small consignment consisting of five buttons of dental scrap weighing 3.61 troy ounces and regret to advise that the value contained therein is not sufficient for purchase by the Mint - it being necessary that all deposits have a minimum value of \$100.

It does not appear that your material will have a value in excess of \$50.00 and if you can send enough additional material to give your combined deposit a value not less than \$100.00, I shall be very glad to have you do so. Should this not be convenient, however, please send me the necessary postage and insurance for its return to you.

Please also be advised that all consignments must be accompanied by a letter of advice. A circular containing full information as to the receipt of deposits at the Mints is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

February 13, 1930

Mrs. Alta Barton,
Gibbonsville, Idaho.

Dear Madam:

I have your note of the 9th instant and accompanying consignment weighing 3.21 troy ounces and regret to advise that the Mint cannot accept this deposit owing to the fact that consignments must have a value of not less than \$100.00 to be acceptable for purchase. It is also necessary that the mercury be driven off amalgam before being sent to the Mint.

If you can forward enough additional material to add to this consignment to give the combined lot a value of at least \$100.00, I shall be very glad to have you do so, otherwise, I have to request that you will send the necessary postage and insurance for its return to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T


February 13, 1930

Mr. Calvin Miller,
Aspen, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 11th instant, please be advised that the Mints will purchase silver bullion when sent in lots having a value of not less than \$100.00, and pay for same at the New York market price, less the fraction, which prevails on the day prior to the receipt of such deposit - the New York market price yesterday being 43-3/8 cents per pure troy ounce.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

February 14, 1930

Mogul's Incorporated,
Lubbock, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I have added to your consignment of January 29th the two consignments of silver forwarded by you for addition thereto to offset the large amount of base metal contained in your filled scrap and as tentatively predicted in my letters to you, your consignment will have to be rejected owing to the fact that the base metal content is in excess of that which deposits may contain in order to be received.

After the addition of the two lots above referred to your material has all been melted and it now contains approximately 835 parts of base metal which renders it necessary that your deposit be rejected and I have to request that you will send me \$1.00 to cover our melting charges.

If you desire an assay of this bar, this can be furnished you upon receipt of \$4.00 in addition to the melting charge. Upon receipt of your remittance your bar will be returned to you, if you so desire, or it may be entered as a deposit after payment of the above charges and upon receipt of sufficient good silver, at least 15 ounces, to bring its precious metal content up to at least 200 assay parts out of a possible 1000.

Respectfully,

John D. Smith
Superintendent

OH:T

February 14, 1950

Mr. J. L. Tampert,
East Las Vegas,
New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 12th instant and have to advise in reply that the regulations do not permit the sale by the Mint of silver in any amount and I am therefore unable to be of any assistance to you in this matter.

It is possible that Carl Blaurock, Mack Bleck, this city, or the Denver Fire Clay Company, also of Denver, may be able to supply you with your requirements.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

February 17, 1930

Mr. Robert B. Lee,
336 North Minnesota Avenue,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 15th instant, I have to advise that the Mint will purchase old gold when sent in lots having a value of not less than \$100.00 and where the pure gold content is about one-fourth of the weight of the deposit.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you full information on this subject.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

February 17, 1930

The Frank Zeitz Mining & Reduction Co.,
Leadville, Colorado.

Gentlemen:


I am in receipt of your letter of the 15th instant and under separate cover two jars containing water and sand and have to advise that while this sand may contain gold, your deposit is not in suitable form for acceptance by the Mint and will have to be put into metallic form before it could be received. It is also necessary that deposits have a value of at least \$100.

I would suggest that you turn over your consignment to some reliable assayer for treatment or purchase if you so desire.

Awaiting your further instructions in the matter,

I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

February 17, 1930

Dr. V. S. Stephens,
Fort Collins, Colorado.

Dear Sirs:

Complying with your request on my letter of the 13th instant, I have this day returned to you by registered mail your material forwarded to this Mint for purchase, using the 25-cent check enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage 10¢
Registry fee 15¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent


February 17, 1930

Mrs. H. A. Belt,
1408 East 65th Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 14th instant, please be advised that the Government does not pay a premium on any of its currency or metallic money.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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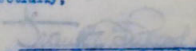
February 17, 1930

Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Co.,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
your voucher-check No. 39692, in amount \$2.24,
covering commission on collections from tele-
phone booth Main 9972 for the period January
10th, 1930 to February 11th, 1930.

Respectfully,


Frank B. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

February 17, 1930

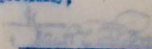
Mr. J. R. Gregory,
Williamsport, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 15th instant, I regret to say that the Mint cannot purchase your gold nugget which you estimate has a value of approximately \$30.00 - no deposits being received which have a value under \$100.

Perhaps Burlingame & Parker, 1901 Lawrence Street, or Carl Blaurock, Mack Block, both of this city, might purchase this nugget from you. These names are suggested entirely as a matter of accommodation to you, as the Government assumes no responsibility when outside dealers are suggested, nor assumes any responsibility for the returns made on consignments which may be turned over to them as a result of such suggestion.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

February 17, 1930

Mr. James Horton,
Weingarten, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 13th instant, please be advised that the gold and silver coins of the United States contain nine-tenths of their weight in pure metal and one-tenth copper alloy.

The \$20 gold piece weighs 516 grains or 1.075 troy ounces, nine-tenth of which weight is pure gold, or a precious metal content of 464.4 grains which has a value of \$20.

1 troy ounce of pure gold (1000 fine) is worth
\$20.6718346
1 troy ounce of coin gold (900 fine) is worth
\$18.60465.

Trusting this is the information desired by you,

I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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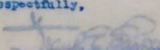
February 19, 1930

Assayer in Charge,
United States Assay Office,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Sir:

At the request of Mr. R. B. Smith of Fort Thomas, Arizona, I have forwarded you this day by insured parcel post sample of rock which he desires assayed for its gold and silver content - money order for \$2.00 to cover your charges herewith enclosed. Your report, of course, will be made direct to Mr. Smith.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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February 19, 1930

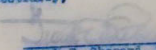
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Fort Thomas, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

As requested by your notation on my letter of the 11th instant, I have this day forwarded to the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, your sample of rock, together with money order which you enclosed, with request that your sample be assayed to determine its gold and silver content and report made direct to you.

Your package was forwarded by insured parcel post and I am returning 3¢ in stamps which were not needed.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

February 19, 1930

Dr. F. E. McCarthy,
124 East Second Street,
Salida, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request as noted on my letter to you of the 13th instant, I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post the ring, watch chain and charm forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, having used the 18¢ in stamps enclosed as follows:

Postage	5¢
Insurance	3¢
Returned herewith	5¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

February 19, 1930

Meyer Jewelry Company,
12th & Walnut- Boley Building,
Kansas City, Missouri

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment No. 7, under date of the 17th instant, please be advised that while your invoice gives the weight of this gold as being 66 ounces, it weighs upon receipt here 56.04 troy ounces.

In view of this discrepancy, I am holding your bullion without treatment until advised by you that the weight as received here is satisfactory. Please advise me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

February 19, 1930

Mr. B. C. Yates, Manager,
Homestake Mining Company,
Lead, South Dakota.

Dear Mr. Yates:

I received your letter of the 11th instant several days ago and consider your suggestion relative to reporting your shipments of bullion to this institution in code a very good one.

It would not be permissible to use the Mint code as this is strictly confidential and for use only by the Government. I have prepared a code for your use, however, which embodies the information you now send me covering your shipments and which is sufficient so far as the Mint is concerned.

I am enclosing a copy of this code, and you will please note it consists of two parts - the first embracing the code words first with the true reading following for use in decoding messages, and part two, the true reading first followed by the code word to be used in preparing messages. I am also enclosing a sample message in code and its translation.

I believe this code will completely conceal the information your messages convey and will also be the means of reducing the expense incident to sending them to me.

Should this code meet with your approval, your next advice may

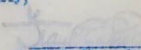
Homestake Mining Co.

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be sent me through that medium as I have retained a copy of the
code for use in the event you desire to use it

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

February 20, 1930

Mr. Ed Waterman,
225 West Kiowa Street,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

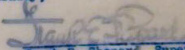
Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 19th instant, I have to say that the Government pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver; these being the only metals purchased by the Government.

Deposits must have a value of not less than \$100.00, and contain one-fourth of their weight in the precious metals. Consignments must be accompanied by a letter of advice and be forwarded to the Mint with all transportation charges prepaid.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you full information on the receipt of deposits at the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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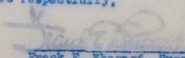
February 20, 1930

Portland Gold Mining Company.
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

In view of the fact that press notices indicate that your mine will be consolidated with the Golden Cycle Corporation and as your shipments to this institution have practically ceased, I am returning herewith cashier's check on the First National Bank of Denver for \$3.21 - being the balance due you on amount deposited with our Weigh Clerk for the return of your empty boxes. Kindly acknowledge receipt and oblige,

Yours respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

February 21, 1930

Mr. E. D. Scott,
Atlantic City, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your note and consignment under date of the 17th instant and regret to advise you that after melting your retort and ascertaining its precious metal content I find that it is mostly silver with just a very small part of gold and does not contain anywhere near the value which it is necessary deposits must contain in order to be accepted for purchase.

The minimum value of deposits ordinarily received is \$100. but in view of the fact that you state your retort resulted from a clean-up of your mill, I felt an exception could be made in your case if your deposit approximated that amount, which does not prove to be the case. It will be necessary for you now to send me \$1.00 to pay for the melting charge on your bullion when your bar will be returned you at your expense. If you desire this returned by express, charges collect, please advise me, but if not, kindly include the necessary postage and insurance when forwarding the \$1.00 for melting charges.

Should you desire an assay report on this bullion, this can be furnished you at an additional charge of \$4.00.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

February 21, 1930

Ft. Worth Smelting & Refining Company,
105 East Tenth Street,
Ft. Worth, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your deposit under date of the 19th instant which you state in your letter of advice weighs 12.60 ounces, please be advised that upon receipt here this bullion weighs 12.57 troy ounces.

In view of the fact that your deposit consists of one bar and does not appear to have been tampered with, I have proceeded to treat same but thought proper to call your attention to the discrepancy in weight.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

February 21, 1930

Mr. Tolbert R. Ingram,
Deputy Commissioner and Statistician,
Board of Immigration,
State Office Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 18th instant, the following table exhibits our coinage for the calendar year 1929:

Silver:

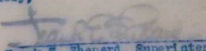
Half Dollars	\$500,600.
Quarter Dollars	\$339,500.
Dimes	\$503,400.

Minor:

Nickels	\$418,500.
Cents	\$417,300.

If your Year Book is for distribution, I should be pleased to receive a copy.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:P

February 21, 1930

Mogul's Incorporated,
Lubbock, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Under date of the 14th instant, I again called your attention to the fact that the 29 ounces of low grade silver forwarded by you for addition to your prior consignment of gold and silver was not sufficient to increase its fineness to the proper amount to be acceptable for purchase and requested you to send \$1.00 to cover our melting charges as your bar had been rejected. I have therefore again to request that you will send me the \$1.00 as our accounts for the month will close early next week.

In this connection I have to advise that the silver you have forwarded is very low grade and it is not the kind of silver I requested you to supply as you will note that my letters to you specifically stated that high grade silver was necessary.

All the material you have forwarded, with the exception of the 3.60 ounces of gold and silver on the 19th instant, will not give your bar an estimated value of over \$70., although you apparently consider it to be worth considerably more.

You are aware that in addition to the fact that bars must contain at least 200 assay parts of the precious metals, they must also have a value of \$100. If you forwarded the 3.60 ounces of

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gold and silver under date of the 19th for addition to your previous consignment, you will please note in my letter that I stated our melting charge of \$1.00 would have to be paid before I could proceed further with your deposit.

Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

February 24, 1930

First National Bank,
Nogales, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment Nos. 12923 and 12924, in the name of J. J. Valenzuela, valued at \$70.00 and \$80.00, respectively, please be advised that returns cannot be made on these deposits separately, the regulations not permitting the receipt of deposits having a value less than \$100.

If these two consignments may be combined and you have correctly estimated their value, they can be received in that form and I will thank you to advise me promptly if this will be satisfactory. In the event they cannot be combined, they will be returned you by express, collect.

Please advise me promptly.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

February 24, 1930

Mr. M. F. Goldberg,
6536 South Loomis Boulevard,
Chicago, Illinois.

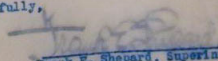
Dear Sir:

I have your letter under date of the 18th instant and accompanying consignment contained in six boxes and have to advise it appears that you will need at least six ounces of additional silver to be added to these various lots in order that the basemetal contained in this consignment will not be sufficiently great to cause rejection of your material.

The regulations would not permit me to purchase this silver for you but I have no doubt you can buy it either in your city or from the Colorado Refining & Research Corporation, 1277 South Cherokee Street, Denver, Colorado. Such negotiations, however, should be made by you direct.

I will hold your deposit until I hear further from you regarding the receipt of this silver.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

February 24, 1930

Miss Estella Zuber,
Hicksville, Ohio. R.R.3

Dear Miss Estella:


I have your letter of the 19th instant and regret to advise you that the Government does not print any literature which would explain to you the process of the manufacture of its money, either the metal or paper money, and it is too long a story to describe this process in a letter. I also doubt if I could adequately convey to you a clear description without pictures or without your being able to witness the work.

I may say that there are three coinage mints in operation at the present time; one at Philadelphia, one in Denver and one at San Francisco; these mints making all the metallic money of the United States. All paper currency is manufactured at the United States Bureau of Engraving & Printing at Washington, D. C.

Regretting my inability to comply with your request,

I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

February 24, 1930

Dr. G. A. Nelson,
Enderlin North Dakota.


Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 16th instant, I have to advise that this institution will purchase dental scrap gold when sent in lots having a value of at least \$100.00, that being the minimum amount received and I have no doubt that the 13 or 14 ounces which you mention will contain that value if it consists of the usual dental scrap.

Should you forward your scrap here, please accompany same with a letter of advice and prepay the transportation charges.

I am enclosing a circular which may be of some assistance to you in this matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

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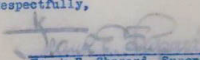
February 24, 1930

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

I am returning herewith non-reimbursable voucher for \$50.00, covering the chromium plating of the automatic scale parts recently forwarded by me to your institution and which have been duly returned to me after plating.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

February 25, 1930

Mogul's Incorporated,
Lubbock, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 21st instant addressed to the Treasury Department, Denver, Colorado, was delivered by the post office to the office of the Collector of United States Internal Revenue in this city, which latter office forwarded the letter to me and has stated that the \$1.00 which you said was enclosed with the letter was not found therein when opened by that office.

I note what you say in reference to the trouble you are having in obtaining the 15 ounces of silver which are needed to increase the fineness of your deposit, and have to advise that it would be permissible for you to send worn and mutilated silver coins for this purpose, but as United States silver coins contain one-tenth copper, it would be necessary for you to send about 17 ounces of such coin in order to provide 15 ounces of pure silver.

It may be that the Colorado Refining & Research Corporation, 1277 South Cherokee Street, this city, could sell the necessary silver to you and deliver it at the Mint, but this matter would have to be taken up with them by you direct.

Upon receipt of the above silver and \$1.00 to cover our

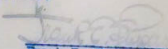
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melting charge, your deposit will be reentered and payment forwarded you promptly.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

February 25, 1930

Mr. Roy J. Anic,
Box 742,
Jerome, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant and accompanying samples of rock and regret to advise you that the Mint is not equipped to make assays of mineral bearing rock or sand. Such work can be done for you, however, by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver - money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the samples which you have forwarded here, kindly send me the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

February 25, 1930

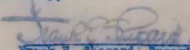
Mrs. Alta Barton,
Shoup, Idaho.

Dear Madam:

As requested by your letter of the 18th instant, enclosing 55¢ in stamps for the return of your material recently deposited at this institution, please be advised that your consignment has this day been returned by registered mail, 30¢ being returned you herewith, these being in excess of the amount required.

Regarding the value of the gold contained in your consignment, I have to advise that owing to the large amount of mercury contained therein, it is impossible to estimate the value of its gold content.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

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February 25, 1930

Dennis Company,
521 Dooly Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 18th instant in which you request pure gold in return for the gold deposit made by you under that date, please be advised that the law does not permit the issue of gold bars of weight less than 5 ounces, and in view of the fact that your deposit did not contain the equivalent of 5 ounces of pure gold, I could not comply with your request and have therefore sent you payment by check.

Regretting my inability to comply with your request, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T


February 25, 1930

J. Baumgarten & Sons, Inc.,
1005 E Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly send me the R. H. Smith Manufacturing Company's price list, dated July 1, 1928, applying to catalogue No. 45, from which to order one set of rubber type. Please see Item No. 1378 in the General Supply Catalogue for the fiscal year 1930.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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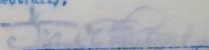
February 26, 1930

Velhagen Bros.,
Alamosa, Colorado

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a deposit bearing your label on the outside but have not received from you a letter of advice pertaining thereto and as such advice is necessary before deposits can be entered on our books and paid for, I will thank you to write me promptly regarding this material.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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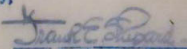
American Medical & Dental Association,
700 Central Savings Bank Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 25th instant pertinent to the accounts of John W. Theodore and G. A. Glenn, M.D., against Mrs. John D. Taylor, whose husband is employed at this institution, and have to state that Mr. Taylor advises me he holds receipts evidencing the payment of the amount due in both of the above cases.

While the law does not permit the salaries of Government employees to be garnisheed, it is my intention and endeavor that all employees should keep their credit good and pay all just debts and I thank you for calling my attention to the above matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

February 27, 1930

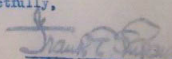
Henry L. Tanzer Company,
214 West Water Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Gentlemen:

I have your consignment under date of the 24th instant and regret to advise you that your material does not contain sufficient value for purchase - only such deposits as have a value of at least \$100.00 being received. In addition to this requirement, it is also necessary that consignments contain about one-fourth of their weight in pure gold and silver. When forwarding filled scrap, which you no doubt realize contains very little gold, it is necessary that it be accompanied by enough good gold and silver to offset the large amount of base metal which such material contains, as well as to bring up the value to our requirement.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on this subject and if you are not able to send enough more material to add to your present consignment, please send me the necessary postage and insurance and it will be returned to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

February 27, 1930

Missouri Valley Sales Company,
602 Altman Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:


I am in receipt of your consignment of the 26th instant and am in doubt as to whether your material will contain the minimum amount which is received for purchase, namely, \$100.00.

It also appears doubtful that your material will contain at least 200 assay parts out of a possible 1000 in the precious metals which the regulations require deposits must contain in order to be accepted.

If I proceed to treat your consignment and it should fail in either of these respects, it will be necessary for me to reject it and impose a melting charge of \$1.00. I would therefore suggest that you send about 5 ounces of high grade silver in order to reduce the base metal content below 800 assay parts out of a possible 1000, and that you also send as much more gold as you may think necessary in order that it will have the required value of \$100.00.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on this subject.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

February 27, 1930


Mr. A. T. Balangyan,
617 Main Street,
Caldwell, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 25th instant I have to advise that the Mint is not equipped to make analyses of mineral bearing sand but reliable assays can be made for you by the United States Assay Office at Boise, Idaho, or the one at Salt Lake City, Utah, and I would suggest that you correspond with one of these offices as to the cost of assay and the size of sample you would have to send.

The Government does not buy platinum but I would suggest that you write Baker & Company, Newark, New Jersey; the J. Bishop Platinum Works, Malvern, Pennsylvania, or the American Platinum Company, San Francisco, in regard to the disposition of any platinum you may have for sale.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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February 28, 1930

Mr. C. B. Gould,
Montrose, Colorado.

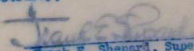
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your consignment under date of the 28th instant and have to advise that it appears doubtful if this material will contain \$100.00 in value which is the minimum amount deposits may contain in order to be accepted for purchase.

Should I proceed to treat your deposit and afterwards discover that it does not contain that value, it would be necessary for me to reject it and impose a melting charge of \$1.00. To avoid this expense to you, I would suggest that you send a trifle more of similar material to be added to this lot in order to insure that your deposit will meet our requirement.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information relative to the receipt of deposits at this Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

March 3, 1930


Mr. J. L. Williams,
1628 East Twelfth Street,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 28th instant, please
be advised that so far as I am aware there is no premium on
the Indian Head One-Cent Bronze piece.

The Government never pays a premium on old coins
nor does it deal in them in any way.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 3, 1920

J. A. Samuels & Company,
220 Broadway, New York.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo requesting to be placed on our list as buyers of sweeps and residues containing gold, silver or platinum group metals and in reply have to say that I should be very glad to advise you when the Mint is ready to make a sale of any such material.

We usually have about 40 tons of sweeps a year for sale but this year our sweeps may not be ready for disposal before the late summer. However, I will advise you when I am ready to sell same.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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March 3, 1930

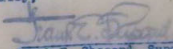
Mr. C. B. Ross,
C/o Ross Milling Company,
Ottawa, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 1st instant, please be advised that the United States Mint at Denver does not manufacture proof coins but uncirculated coins may be obtained through application to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C., in accordance with the instructions contained in the enclosed circular.

During the past year this Mint manufactured the half dollar, quarter dollar, dime, five-cent nickel and one-cent bronze.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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March 3, 1930

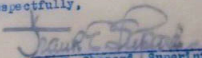
The Denver Fire Clay Company,
1746 Champa Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find duplicate check on the Treasurer of the United States in the sum of \$38.35 to pay your charges for certain supplies furnished by you to this institution, original check in payment for which you reported as not having been received by you.

Should the original check, dated October 4, 1929, No. 2611, in the above amount, ever be received by you, you will please forward same promptly to the Chief of Division, Bookkeeping and Warrants, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

March 3, 1930

Mr. Samuel Conatore,
2128 East Routt, Pueblo, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 28th ultimo and in reply have to advise that this institution will purchase gold when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 - payment for same being made usually the second day after receipt here.

The Mint imposes a melting charge of \$1.00 for each 1000 ounces or fraction and 10¢ additional for each 100 ounces or fraction. There is also a nominal treatment charge, depending upon the amount of base metal contained, all of which charges are deducted from the proceeds before payment is made to depositor.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on this subject and you will please note that all consignments must be accompanied by a letter of advice and if mining gold, it is necessary that depositor state the location of the mine and his connection therewith.

In reply to your request for literature giving instructions on the extraction of gold from its native ore, please be advised that the Mint does not have any booklets or other matter on this subject for distribution.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

March 3, 1930

Mr. C. S. Swartz,
Clifton, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 28th ultimo and in reply have to advise that this institution will purchase gold when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 - payment for same being made usually the second day after receipt here. The Mints do not purchase platinum.

The Mint imposes a melting charge of \$1.00 for each 1000 ounces or fraction and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces or fraction. There is also a nominal treatment charge, depending upon the amount of base metal contained, all of which charges are deducted from the proceeds before payment is made to depositor.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on this subject and you will please note that all consignments must be accompanied by a letter of advice and if mining gold, it is necessary that depositor state the location of the mine and his connection therewith.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

March 5, 1930

Mr. D. E. Lipaky,
910 Wyandotte Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant and regret to note that you are disappointed with the returns made on your last two deposits at this institution.

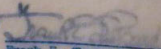
As requested by you I have had your bullion reassayed and find our original determinations correct and am satisfied you were paid for the full amount of gold and silver contained in your material.

I may say that in arriving at the gold and silver content of deposits, they are first melted and then assayed in a thorough manner and then these assays are checked by independent assays before payment is made. You, of course, realize payment can only be made for such gold and silver as deposits are actually found to contain and I therefore believe you misjudged the value of the material which you forwarded here and can only account for the shortage in this way.

Assuring you that I am always glad to have you call my attention to any apparent errors in payment of your deposits and to verify our assays and calculations and correct any errors which may be found,

I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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March 5, 1930

Mr. J. B. Birrer,
706 West 10th Street,
Pueblo, Colorado.

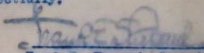
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your name on the outside but to date have not received a letter of advice pertaining to same which is necessary before your deposit can be entered on our books and paid for.

I have examined your material and although you value it at \$100.00, I doubt if that amount will be found therein and would suggest that you send an additional lot to be added thereto to insure that your deposit will have a value not under \$100 - this being the minimum amount received. Please let me hear from you promptly as to your wishes in the matter.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you full information as to the receipt of deposits at the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

March 5, 1930

Mabel Alice Armstrong,
Red Ford Sub.,
3311 West 40th Street,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

I am in receipt of your letter of recent date enclosing a portion of a \$1.00 bill which you desire to have redeemed and in reply have to advise that currency is only redeemed by the Treasurer of the United States when satisfactory proof is furnished that the other portions of the bill have been totally destroyed. This means, of course, that you would have to furnish evidence that the entire note was in your possession and through some accident the other portion of the bill which you enclose was totally destroyed.

I am returning herewith the fragment which you forwarded here.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

March 5, 1930

Mr. A. C. Hahn,
429 East 12th Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

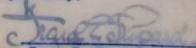
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your deposit under date of the 4th instant and have to advise that it appears doubtful if this deposit will contain either the minimum value of \$100.00 or a sufficient proportion of the precious metals to meet our requirements.

It is necessary that deposits have a minimum value of \$100.00 and contain approximately one-fourth of their weight in gold and silver and I would suggest that you send at least 15 ounces of good silver and enough gold to make sure that your deposit will comply with the requirements in both the foregoing respects.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you full information as to the receipt of deposits at the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

March 6, 1930

Mr. George M. Jones,
Secretary, Oberlin College,
Oberlin, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith your inquiry of the 3rd instant with the information that Mrs. Rose M. Early has not been employed at this institution for a number of years and I have no information as to her whereabouts at the present time.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 6, 1930

Tri-State Dental Supply Company,
821 First National Bank Building,
El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 3rd instant and by express your consignment of dental scrap and buttons and have to advise that the filings mentioned by you as being a part of this shipment were not included. I am therefore holding this consignment, which weighs 26.26 troy ounces, and have to request that you will kindly advise me if this weight and the contents of your deposit are satisfactory.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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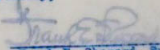
March 6, 1930

Mr. A. J. Walter,
Coldwater, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 4th instant, please be advised that while the Mint purchases gold when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, I would not be able to buy the one-half ounce which you desire to sell.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 6, 1930

Mr. R. M. Russell,
5303 Woodlawn Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your consignment of recent date containing 5.11 troy ounces of dental scrap filings and have to say that to date I have not received from you a letter of advice concerning this deposit which I should have before same can be entered on our books and paid for.

At the present time no deposits are received which have a value under \$100.00, and as your material is only valued at \$70.00 and may possibly be found to contain even less after it has been assayed, I would suggest that you send an additional lot to be added thereto if this would be convenient. In the event, however, you cannot do this, I will return your material by express, collect, if you so desire, or upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance it will be returned you by mail.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you full information relative to the receipt of deposits at the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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March 6, 1930

Mr. John DuBois,
316 North Main Street,
Ottumwa, Iowa.

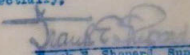
Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 4th instant, please be advised that this Mint does not manufacture proof coins but uncirculated coins may be obtained, although all denominations are not manufactured each year and you do not say for what years you desire the pieces mentioned in your letter. During the present year this Mint has manufactured the one-cent bronze pieces only.

In order to obtain proof coins or uncirculated coins from any of the Mints it is necessary that application be made through the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D.C., in accordance with the enclosed circular.

It may be that you can obtain proof coins through the same medium from the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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March 7th, 1930.

Dr. W.H.Hipps,
Eads, Colorado.

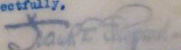
Sir:-

I have your letter and consignment under date of the 5th instant and have to advise that under the regulations all deposits must have a value of at least \$100 in order to be acceptable for purchase.

As your deposit weighs but 2.57 Troy ounces it would not of course contain that value, it usually requiring about 8 ounces of such material to contain the necessary amount. If you can send sufficient additional material to add to your deposit, I would be glad to have you do so; should this not be convenient, however, your material will be returned upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

For your information I am enclosing a circular which will give you full information relative to the conditions upon which deposits are received at the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

March 10, 1936

Mr. M. D. Carlock
Winnsboro
Texas.

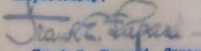
Sir:

I have your letter of the 5th instant and under separate cover your sample of rock and have to advise that the Mint is not equipped to make analyses of mineral bearing rock, sand or any such material.

The U. S. Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, is prepared to do work of this kind at a charge of \$1.00 for gold, \$1.00 for silver, \$1.50 for lead, and \$2.00 each for copper and zinc, money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the material which you have forwarded here, please send me the necessary postage and insurance and it will be forwarded you promptly; otherwise it will be thrown away.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

March 10th, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Pierson,
115 Kansas Avenue, El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 7th instant and in reply please be advised that the Government does not deal in old coins nor pay a premium thereon, old pennies being purchased only in one pound lots for their metal value at the rate of 14 cents per pound.

If you desire the return of the pennies which you state you have forwarded here and which have not yet been received by me, please send the necessary postage and insurance for their return.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

March 10th, 1930.

Mr. F.B. Day,
312 Mayo Building,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Sir:-

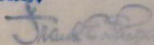
I have your letter of the 6th instant and under separate cover your sample of rock and have to advise that the Mint is not equipped to make analyses of mineral bearing rock, sand or any such material.

Our Assayer has looked at your material, however, and he does not think it contains any of the precious metals, but of course this could only be definitely determined by an assay.

The U.S. Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, is prepared to do work of this kind at a charge of \$1.00 for gold, \$1.00 for silver, \$1.50 for lead, and \$2.00 each for copper and zinc, money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the material which you have forwarded here, please send me the necessary postage and insurance and it will be forwarded you promptly; otherwise it will be thrown away.

Respectfully,



Frank B. Shepard, Superintendent.

March 12, 1930

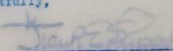
Mr. Frank Korten,
49 Center Street,
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 6th instant, I regret to say that our entire supply of one-cent bronze pieces of the coinage of 1922 has long since been exhausted and I am therefore unable to comply with your request.

The five cents enclosed with your letter is returned herewith.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

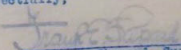
March 12, 1930

Mr. H. M. George,
912 Rudd Avenue,
Canon City, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 8th instant in reference to Mr. Swisher, President of the Colorado Refining and Research Corporation of this city, please be advised that it is against the policy of the Government to write any letters of recommendation. I may say, however, that Mr. Swisher occasionally deposits silver bullion at this institution and our relations with him have been satisfactory, although the Mint has not turned any ore over to him for analysis.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

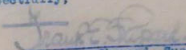
March 12, 1930

Mr. H. M. George,
912 Road Avenue,
Canon City, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

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Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 12, 1920

Mr. N. B. Day,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your telegram of even date, I have this day delivered to J. W. Richards & Son your package of quartz, together with a copy of your letter of the 6th instant which I regret to say did not contain information as to what determinations you desire made of this quartz.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 12, 1930

Mr. Roy J. Anic,
Box 742,
Jerome, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your notation on my letter of the 25th ultimo, your samples of rock were returned you by pre-paid express and I am enclosing herewith 16¢ in stamps which covers the amount in excess of express charges for which you enclosed \$1.00.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

March 12, 1930

Mr. R. L. Cundy,
Assessor of Incomes,
Court House, Room 104,
Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 8th instant I have to advise that this institution will purchase your gold rings and nuggets provided they have a value of not less than \$100. and approximately one-fourth of their weight consists of pure gold. Your package should be addressed to the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado, and be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 12, 1930

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Enclosed please find non-reimbursable voucher covering certain crowns and sleeves recently furnished by you to this institution.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

March 12, 1930

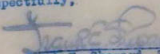
Mr. Carl D. Thomas,
1217 South Genesee Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith the questionnaire contained in your letter of the 4th instant and in addition thereto have to advise that new coins are only distributed from the Mint when application therefor has been made to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., in accordance with the instructions contained in the enclosed circular.

Remittances should be made by money order payable to the Treasurer of the United States and should cover the face value of the coins desired plus the necessary postage.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

March 12, 1930.

Mr. A. E. Zukschwerdt,
Tipton, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 10th instant, please be advised that this institution will purchase old gold when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 - a letter of advice to accompany your consignment.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you full information on this subject.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

March 12, 1930

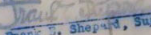
Mr. A. M. McClenahan,
Greeley, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your note of the 10th instant please be advised that \$100,000. in gold would weigh 368.57 avoirdupois pounds and in view of the fact that gold is worth its face value, it would make no difference whether this sum consisted of \$5 or \$20 gold pieces.

As this institution does not deal in paper money except in an incidental way, I am unable to give you information as to the weight of \$1,000,000. in the different denominations issued but would suggest that you renew your inquiry to the United States Bureau of Engraving & Printing, Washington, D. C., where all paper currency is manufactured.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 12, 1930

Mr. I. J. Coin,
Mogul's Incorporated,
Lubbock, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 11th instant in which you state that you have requested the Colorado Refining & Research Corporation to furnish me with 15 ounces of silver to be added to your recent deposit and also stating that you are enclosing \$1.00 to cover our melting charges in order that your deposit may be reentered; please be advised that the \$1.00 was not found with your letter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 12, 1930

Mr. J. Talmadge Tippit,
Weldona Public Schools,
Weldona, Colorado

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 10th instant, please be advised that the Mint has been closed to visitors for several years and no visitors whatever are permitted at the present time.

I should be very glad to have the girls who compose your championship basketball team witness our operations but regret that under the conditions I cannot accede to your request.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 12, 1920

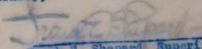
Mr. H. M. Russell,
5203 Woodlawn Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 5th instant, I now have to advise that I have received from you 2.85 troy ounces of material to add to your previous consignment and although in my letter above referred to I stated a letter of advice was necessary before your deposit could be entered on our books and paid for, this letter has not yet been received and your deposit will be held until you comply with this requirement.

You will appreciate that I receive a number of deposits and unless I know that the amount I have received is the same that has been shipped by depositor there is always a possibility of loss in transit and for this reason the regulations require that depositors write a letter of advice with each consignment. This letter is also necessary to give me the proper information as to the mode of payment desired.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 13, 1930

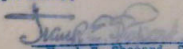
Henry L. Tanzer Company,
214-2- West Water Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your deposit at this institution, I now have to advise you that your second shipment of metal, which was forwarded to be added to your first consignment in order that the entire mass would meet our requirements, has now been melted with your original deposit and I find that the lot contains an excessive amount of base metal and an insufficient quantity of gold to be acceptable for purchase as indicated in my first letter to you.

Your bar has accordingly been rejected and upon receipt of \$1.00 to cover our melting charges it will be returned you at your expense.

Respectfully,



Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 13, 1930

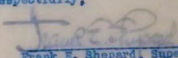
Mr. Tom R. Victory,
Weatherford, Texas

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 10th instant and while I have not yet received the package containing your ore, I have to advise that this institution is not equipped to make an analysis of your samples. Reliable assays of this kind, however, can be made for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold, \$1.00 for silver, \$1.50 for lead, \$2.00 for copper and \$2.00 for zinc - money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the package of ore which you have forwarded here, kindly send me the necessary postage.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 13, 1930

Mr. A. C. Hahn,
428 East 12th Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 11th instant,
I have this day returned you by Railway Express, collect,
your recent consignment to this institution which I regret
to say I am unable to accept owing to its insufficient value
and precious metal content.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:E

March 14, 1930

Mr. J. S. Candelario,
201-S San Francisco Street, Box 558
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant, please be advised that this institution will purchase old jewelry and placer gold when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 but should the old jewelry consist of plated ware, it will be necessary for you to send enough good gold and silver in order that your consignment will contain at least one-fourth of its weight in the precious metals.

I am enclosing a circular which may be of some help to you in this matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

March 14, 1930

Mr. John Liljestrom,
242 Reed Avenue,
Grand Junction, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter and consignment under date of the 11th instant and while you state that this bullion is from the Half and Half, Mona and Sannah lode mining claims situated in the upper San Miguel mining district, you do not state that this bullion belongs to you or what your relation is to these claims.

Before this bullion can be accepted for purchase it is necessary that you advise me if you are the owner, lessee, superintendent, foreman or workman on these claims and that you are lawfully possessed of this bullion.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 14, 1930

Dr. W. H. Nipps,
Eads, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 5th instant which you were advised was too small to be received for purchase by this institution, I have to advise that in accordance with your order your bullion has this day been delivered to the Bridges Dental Supply Company of this city whose representative called at the Mint for same.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 15, 1930

Board of Water Commissioners,
City and County of Denver,
Denver, Colorado.

Attention: Mr. H.C. Maloney,
Manager, Service Department.

Gentlemen:

Having reference to your letter of January 13, 1930, relative to the 4-inch water service connection from Cherokee Street to the U. S. Mint, Denver, Colorado, and after conference with the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C., we have decided that this service be disconnected at the city water main in Cherokee Street.


We understand that in consideration of disconnecting the 4-inch metered service as stated there will be no charge made for water service to this Mint.

We have considered your rates for water service as specified in your letter of January 13th, together with rates and charges accompanying same, and have decided not to install any metered service for the present.

Thanking you for your attention and cooperation,

I remain

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

FES:T

March 15, 1930

Mrs. Mary Pierson,
116 Kansas Avenue,
El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your notation on my letter of the 10th instant in which you request the return of the pennies forwarded here by you for purchase and authorizing me to take therefrom a sufficient number to pay the return postage, please be advised that I have this day returned these pennies to you by registered mail having used fifteen to cover this expense - 130 in all having been received.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

March 17, 1930

American Hard Rubber Company,
11 Mercer Street,
New York, New York.

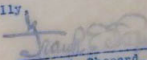
Attention : Mr. C. B. Glaesner, Mgr.
Sundry Sales Department.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 13th instant and accompanying questionnaire relative to the hard rubber lined tank and filter purchased from you a few months ago, and have to advise that as these articles have been in use only since the middle of January, it too early to furnish you any information relative to the satisfaction with which they meet our requirements.

I note you state that we bought three ace rubber lined tanks in 1928 and have to say that the two articles above mentioned, purchased in 1929, are the only such articles which have been purchased from you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 17, 1930

Mr. Charles H. Edmondson,
Mercantile Bank Building,
Cananea, Sonora, Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 10th instant and accompanying consignment consisting of two lots of approximately 4 ounces each, marked Nos. 1 and 2, please be advised that in view of the fact that only such deposits as have a minimum value of \$100.00 are accepted, separate returns cannot be made you on these lots and they can be received only by being combined into one deposit. Please advise me if this will be satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 17, 1930

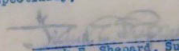
Mr. C. A. Jensen,
709 First Street,
La Salle, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 14th instant, I am enclosing a circular which will give you information relative to the conditions governing the receipt of deposits at the Mint.

You will note from the circular that all deposits to be acceptable must contain a minimum value of \$100.00, and contain practically one-fourth of their weight in gold and silver. Also please note that each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

March 17, 1930

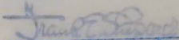
Henry L. Tanezer Company,
214-220 West Water Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 15th instant enclosing \$1.00 for melting charges on your rejected bar and complying with your request, I have this day returned your bar by express, collect.

Regretting my inability to serve you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

March 17, 1930

Mr. E. D. Scott,
Atlantic City, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Complying with the request contained in your letter of the 12th instant, I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post the report recently forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using the \$1.30 enclosed with your letter as follows:

Melting charge	\$1.00
Postage08
Insurance06
Stamps enclosed herewith14
	<u>\$1.28</u>

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

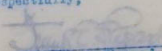
March 17, 1930

Mr. A. H. Piper, Vice-President,
City Central Bank & Trust Company,
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 15th instant requesting information as to the conditions under which gold bullion may be purchased from the Mint, please be advised that gold bars of standard fineness or above may be sold in lots of not less than \$5000, at the rate of 5¢ per \$100 value - payment to be made in gold coin or gold certificates and transportation charges to be paid by the consignee.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

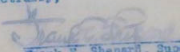
March 18, 1930

Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
voucher-check, No. 40717, in amount \$1.19, covering col-
lections from telephone booth Main-2272 for the period
February 11, 1930, to March 11, 1930.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 18, 1930

Mr. A. H. Piper, Vice President,
City Central Bank & Trust Company,
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 15th instant requesting information as to the conditions under which gold bullion may be purchased from the Mint, please be advised that gold bars of standard fineness, or above, may be sold in lots of not less than \$5000, at the rate of 5¢ per \$100 value when special size bars are not requested - payment to be made in gold coin or gold certificates and transportation charges to be paid by consignee.

Should you wish gold bars 999.9 fine or of special size, the bar charge per \$100 value will exceed somewhat the rate quoted above.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 19, 1930

The Linde Air Products Company,
2101 Blake Street,
Denver, Colorado.


Gentlemen:

I am returning your invoice relative to my order No. 221 with the request that the firm name follow the certification and that the name of the officer signing same follow the name of the firm, with his title, as you will note I have changed the invoice herewith.

It is not necessary that the duplicate copy of the invoice be certified.

As the original invoice is attached to Mint voucher and goes to the Bureau of the Mint in Washington and then to the Comptroller General of the United States, I desire that all such invoices be certified in the proper manner and as I have been requested to obtain them by the heads of the forementioned bureaus.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

March 19, 1930

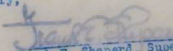
Mr. Neal Jorgensen,
Bridgewater, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 17th instant requesting information as to the shiny flakes in the sample of sand which you either intended to enclose with your letter or which you will forward under separate cover, please be advised that the sample was not enclosed with your letter nor have I received same separately.

While the Mint does not make assays of mineral bearing sand, I will be glad to have our assayer furnish you such information in the premises as he may be able so to do upon receipt of a small sample of your sand.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

March 19, 1930

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

In accordance with instructions of the Director of the Mint under date of November 16, 1929, I am forwarding you this day by Railway Express Agency on Government bill of lading No. T42944, the following parts from our automatic weighing machines for chromium plating:

- 20 - Magnet rods stamped A-1 to 10 and B-1 to 10,
- 20 - Gripper rods stamped A-1 to 10 and B-1 to 10,
- 10 - Upright gripper plates, B-1 to 10,
- 40 - Friction fingers, A-1 to 10, A-1 F to A-10 F,
B-1 to 10 and B-1 F to B-10 F,
- 10 - Grippers.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:F

March 20, 1930.

Mr. Neal Jorgensen,
Bridgewater, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Since writing my letter to you yesterday, your package has arrived and our assayer states that in his opinion your material consists of disintegrated granite and that the shiny flakes contained therein are mica which has, of course, no commercial value.

If you desire the return of this sand, etc., please send me the necessary postage.

Respectfully,

CH:t

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

March 20, 1930.

Mr. Tom M. Victory,
Weatherford, Texas, Route .

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 17th instant and in accordance with your request have examined your sample of ore which appears to be pyrites of iron. This is very plentiful and has no commercial value.

I have used 3¢ of the 5¢ enclosed with your letter for the return of your material and am enclosing the balance, 2¢, in stamps herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

OH:T.

March 20, 1930

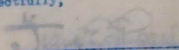
Meyer Jewelry Company,
12th and Walnut Streets, Boley Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your deposit No. 11 under date of the 18th instant regarding which your invoice calls for gold filled 220 ounces, silver 219.19 ounces, or a total of 439.19 ounces, please be advised that upon receipt here I find two gold filled buttons weighing 220.66 troy ounces, three silver buttons weighing 212.51 troy ounces, or a total of 433.18 troy ounces.

In view of the fact that there is a discrepancy of practically 6 ounces between your weight and that found upon receipt of your material at this institution, I am holding your deposit without treatment until advised by you that our weight is satisfactory. Kindly advise me promptly.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

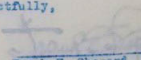
March 20, 1930

Mrs. Sam Lewis,
Wathena, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your inquiry of the 19th instant,
please be advised that while the Mint will buy gold crowns,
no deposits are received which contain a value under \$100.00.
If you have a sufficient number to contain that much in value,
the Mint will be glad to purchase same from you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 20, 1930

Mallinckrodt Chemical Works,
Second & Mallinckrodt Streets,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

I am returning your invoice No. 64862 covering my purchase from you of 300 pounds of Cream of Tartar on which you have made a deduction of 460 pounds at the rate of \$1.42 $\frac{1}{2}$ per 100 pounds for freight allowance to Washington. Please note that this should be 360 pounds.

In preparing your corrected invoice please have same read "Sold to United States Mint at Denver", instead of "Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., and forward same direct to me.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

March 20, 1930

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

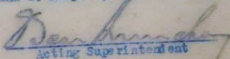
I have this day to acknowledge the receipt of the following dies via Railway Express Agency on government bill of lading No. T 61760:

10 - Obverse One-Cent Dies, No. 231-240,
10 - Reverse " " " No. 211-220.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent,

By


Acting Superintendent

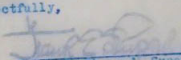
March 21, 1930

Miss L. A. Baker,
907-12th Avenue,
Moline, Illinois.

Dear Miss Baker:

I have your note of the 18th instant and regret to say that the Government does not publish any literature or photographs relative to the Mints, which I should be glad to send you if such information were available.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 21, 1930

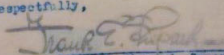
Miss Irene Petrie,
Vice-President, Class 3 B Grade,
Visitation Valley School,
Visitation & Schwerin Streets,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Miss Irene:

Referring to your request of the 18th instant for a photograph of the United States Mint at Denver, I have to say that while the Government does not have any official photographs of this building for distribution, I am enclosing a souvenir postal card which I happened to have and which I believe will give you a very good idea of the Mint and its surroundings, although it was evidently taken several years ago and hence does not show the large city and county building which is now in course of construction between the Mint and the State Capitol.

There are three coinage Mints in operation at the present time located as follows: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Denver, Colorado, and San Francisco, California, the oldest of which is the one at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

March 21, 1930

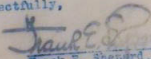
Hodgman Rubber Company,
Farmington, Massachusetts,
Framingham
Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith your invoice No. 4201 covering my recent purchase from you of Hudson Rubber Sheet- ing, my order No. 219, and have to request that you will please place thereon the following certification which the Department at Washington requires shall be placed upon all original invoices:

"I hereby certify that the above bill is correct and just and that payment therefor has not been received."

Following the above certification please place the firm name and after that the name of the officer signing same and his title.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

March 21, 1930

Dakota Dental Supply Company,
309 Citizens National Bank Building,
Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your consignment of recent date and have to advise that I cannot enter it on our books and proceed to treat it until I have received from you a letter of advice regarding this shipment. I have therefore to request that you will write me promptly.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

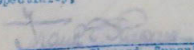
March 21, 1930

Mrs. Mary A. Terr,
Box 673,
Polson, Montana.

Dear Madam:

I am in receipt of your postal card of the 19th instant and have to advise that the Mint does not deal in old coins in any manner and I am therefore unable to be of any assistance to you in the way of furnishing any information regarding the value of old coins.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

March 22, 1930

Miss Dorothy Hewlett,
306½ East Central Avenue,
Kewanee, Illinois.

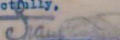
Dear Miss Hewlett:

Replying to your letter of the 22nd instant requesting information regarding the coinage of bronze at the Mints, please be advised that one-cent bronze pieces have a 95% copper content and 5% tin and zinc. The alloy of tin and zinc is added to improve the working quality of the material and to give the resulting coins longer wear.

Copper is purchased in the open market in 40 and 80-ton lots in the form of the original cathodes - 99.9% pure copper - which are the result of the electrolytic refining method by which the pure copper is separated from the other metals and base contained in the original ore and in which the copper content forms a small per cent as a general rule.

Tin and zinc are bought in 4 and 8-ton lots and are of high purity like the copper.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

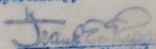
March 22, 1930

Mr. Robert Brinter, Ass't Secretary,
Washington Loan & Trust Company,
Washington, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 20th instant relative to obtaining some \$1.00 gold pieces for a client of your company, please be advised that the coinage of these pieces was discontinued in 1890 by act of Congress and I am unable to give you any information as to where any of these coins could now be obtained unless from some of the larger numismatic dealers or coin collectors.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

March 22, 1930

Mrs. W. W. Tonkinson,
535 Park Avenue,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 20th instant relative to premium on Indian head penny and Columbian half dollar, please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins nor pay a premium thereon and I have no information as to the value of these coins at the present time. In the event that there is a premium on these coins, that premium would very likely increase as time goes on.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 22, 1930

M. Uhler Company,
162 North State Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your deposit under date of the 19th instant, please be advised that after melting this material and determining its value, I find that it does not contain enough gold and silver to meet our requirements that all deposits in order to be accepted for purchase must contain a minimum value of \$100. It has therefore been necessary for me to reject your consignment and impose a melting charge of \$2.00 which covers the work performed up to the time of its rejection.

Upon receipt of a money order for \$2.00 your bullion will be returned you at your expense or it may be reentered as a deposit on receipt of these charges and so much additional material as may be necessary to increase its value to the proper amount. The present value is in the neighborhood of \$89.

Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CE:7

March 24, 1930

Mr. L. E. Tidwell, Postmaster,
Whittenburg, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 21st instant and have to advise that fragments of United States currency are redeemable only by the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C., when accompanied by satisfactory proof that the missing portions have been totally destroyed. No relief is granted on account of currency totally destroyed.

I would suggest that you have your friend read the enclosed circular very carefully and forward such fragments as he may have to the Treasurer in accordance with the instructions in said circular.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

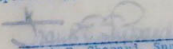
March 24, 1930

Mr. Glen E. Alcorn,
Wellington, Colorado. Box 166

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 23rd instant
please be advised that the Government does not
pay a premium on any coins nor have any liter-
ature on the subject for distribution.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 24, 1930


Mr. J. N. Post,
Holdenville, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Your letter and accompanying consignment of rock has been received and while this institution does not make assays of mineral bearing specimens, I do not believe your rock contains any value.

Should you desire this material returned to you, please send me the necessary postage and insurance promptly, otherwise it will be thrown away.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 24, 1930

Mr. H. R. Berglund,
Cashier, Aspen State Bank,
Aspen, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 21st instant and accompanying piece of metal and have to advise that I have tested same with acid and it appears to be brass and of no value.

If you desire this piece of brass returned to you, please send me the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 25, 1930

Cecha Brothers,
1260 South 13th Street,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter and consignments under date of the 22nd instant and am in doubt whether this deposit will contain a sufficient proportion of the precious metals to meet our requirement that no deposit may be accepted which does not contain at least 200 or more assay parts of the precious metals out of a possible 1000.

Should I proceed to treat your consignments as they now stand and find that the mass has an undue preponderance of the base metals, same would have to be rejected and a melting charge of \$1.00 imposed. To obviate such a contingency, I would suggest that you send 7 to 10 ounces of good silver to be added thereto to increase the precious metal content, and will await further advice from you before proceeding to treat your bullion.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 25, 1930

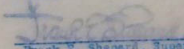
Mr. W. E. Riddle,
C/o Aubrey Riddle,
Daingerfield, Texas. Route 2.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 8th instant and the three small pieces of metal forwarded by you and have to advise that the Mint does not receive small lots of gold or silver supposed to be burned coin unless there is present some evidence that the metal was previously coin of the United States.

An examination of your material does not disclose that it is composed of burned coin and upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance this metal will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 25, 1930

Mr. H. Mariño,
Nogales, Arizona. P.O. Box 975.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 20th instant and and under separate cover have received your consignment of gold weighing 54.60 troy ounces and have to advise that before I can accept same for purchase, it will be necessary for you to advise me as to the source of its production; that is, the name of the mine from which it was produced; the name of the State and County in which the mine is located, and whether you are the owner, lessee, superintendent, foreman, or workman on said mine.

In the event that this gold was produced in Old Mexico, it will be necessary for you to supply me with an affidavit stating that you are the owner of the bullion and that it has not been stolen; that you guarantee title of same to the United States Government; that you are forwarding it on your own behalf and not for the account of another, and that it has been properly declared to the United States Customs officials.

Upon receipt of satisfactory information as outlined above, I will proceed to treat your deposit.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

March 25, 1930

Mr. H. Warihiro,
Nogales, Arizona. P.O.Box 975.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 20th instant and and under separate cover have received your consignment of gold weighing 54.60 troy ounces and have to advise that before I can accept same for purchase, it will be necessary for you to advise me as to the source of its production; that is, the name of the mine from which it was produced; the name of the State and County in which the mine is located, and whether you are the owner, lessee, superintendent, foreman, or workman on said mine.

In the event that this gold was produced in Old Mexico, it will be necessary for you to supply me with an affidavit stating that you are the owner of the bullion and that it has not been stolen; that you guarantee title of same to the United States Government; that you are forwarding it on your own behalf and not for the account of another, and that it has been properly declared to the United States Customs officials.

Upon receipt of satisfactory information as outlined above, I will proceed to treat your deposit.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

March 25, 1930

Mogul's Incorporated,
Lubbock, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your rejected bar weighing 255.14 troy ounces, which I have been holding pending the receipt from the Colorado Refining & Research Corporation of sufficient silver for addition to said bar to increase its fineness to the required amount, I have to say that said Company today delivered 17.40 troy ounces of silver for that purpose which, together with your fourth consignment consisting of Jewelry scrap weighing 3.61 troy ounces, have now been added to it, making a total of 276.15 troy ounces before melting. This will be melted promptly and returns made you without delay.

Referring to your payment of \$2.00 to cover the melting charge on your rejected bar, please be advised that only one dollar was necessary and I am returning herewith the extra dollar forwarded by you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OK:T
Enclosure

March 26, 1930

Mr. Claude D. Walrod,
Attorney at Law,
Holyoke, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 25th instant, please be advised that the mutilation of minor coins of the United States does not appear to be unlawful unless with fraudulent intent.

For your information I am quoting Sections 5458 and 5459 of the Revised Statutes of the United States pertinent to counterfeiting and mutilating coinage.

Sec. 5458:

"Every person who falsely makes, forges, or counterfeits, or causes, or procures to be falsely made, forged, or counterfeited, or willingly aids, or assists in falsely making, forging, or counterfeiting, any coins in the resemblance or similitude of any of the minor coinage which has been, or hereafter may be, coined at the Mints of the United States; or who passes, utters, publishes, or sells, or brings into the United States from any foreign place, or has in his possession, any such false, forged, or counterfeited coins, with intent to defraud any person whatsoever, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars and by imprisonment at hard labor not more than three years."

Sec. 5459:

"Every person who fraudulently, by any art, way, or means, defaces, mutilates, impairs, diminishes, falsifies, scales, or lightens the gold and silver coins which have been, or which may hereafter be, coined at the Mints of the United States, or any foreign gold or silver coins which are by law made current or are in actual use and circulation as money within the United States, shall be imprisoned not more than two years and fined not more than two thousand dollars."

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

March 26, 1930

Meisel's, The Indian Trader,
117 South First Street,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 24th instant, I have to advise that the Mint will purchase your coin silver scrap and filings when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100., provided each consignment contains an appreciable amount of gold, that is, in the proportion of 1 ounce of pure gold to each 1000 ounces of pure silver. Payment will be made you by check or fine silver bars as you prefer.

I am enclosing a copy of our Table of Charges and also a circular which will give you full information relative to the receipt of deposits at the Mint. Should you make any shipments to this institution, please note that each deposit must be accompanied by a letter of advice stating the approximate value and weight of the shipment and the manner in which payment is desired.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

Enclosures

March 26, 1930

Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas,
Attention: Mr. E. B. Austin, Ass't Cashier,
Dallas, Texas.


Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 24th instant referring to my letter of the 21st instant in which I advised you that in your shipments of light-weight and uncurrent coins under transfer advice Nos. 779-780, there were found \$62.62 in mutilated coins, please be advised that the shipments in question were made by you on January 14, 1930, copy of your letter pertinent thereto being enclosed herewith.

Kindly note that in my letter of the 21st instant no date was given in connection with these shipments, only the transfer order Nos. 779-780 being mentioned and the date of "September 12, 1928" to which you refer must have relation to some other transaction.

Trusting the enclosed correspondence will enable you to identify the shipments in which the mutilated coin was found, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

March 27, 1930

Mr. G. W. Fleming,
Western Union Telegraph Co.,
195 Broadway, Room No. 2017,
New York City.

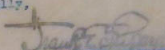
Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 24th instant, I have to advise that no coinage of one-cent bronze pieces was executed at this Mint during the calendar years 1921 and 1923, but this denomination was minted during the calendar years 1925-6-7-9.

Only the coinage of 1929 is now available, however, and if you desire to obtain pieces issued during that year, it will be necessary for you to make application to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D.C., in accordance with the instructions contained in the enclosed circular.

Your stamped envelope is returned herewith.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

March 27, 1930

Mr. D. C. Silverthorne,
Assistant Cashier, Bank of Italy,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your request of the 24th instant for \$2,000 in new standard silver dollars, please be advised that under the regulations new coins must be obtained through the Federal Reserve Bank or its branches and I would suggest that you make application to the nearest bank in your vicinity.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 27, 1880

Mr. Daggett Howard,
490 C. Angell Street,
Providence, Rhode Island.

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith the 5¢ enclosed with your letter of the 20th instant with my regrets that I am unable to supply you with a one-cent bronze piece of 1922 coinage owing to the fact that our entire supply of these coins has long since been exhausted.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

March 27, 1930

Dr. L. D. Riventurg,
118 North Maple Street,
Creston, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your consignment of the 25th instant consisting of 8.50 troy ounces dental scrap and 21.25 troy ounces of amalgam, and have to advise that while the first is acceptable for purchase, the Mint does not receive deposits which contain a large amount of mercury which no doubt your amalgam will have.

If you desire I will proceed to treat the dental scrap and return the amalgam to you by express, collect. Please advise me promptly as to your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 27, 1930

N. Uhler Company,
Attention: Nat. N. Uhler,
162 North State Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 25th instant and under separate cover your button of gold which you desire added to your previous consignment which it was necessary to reject on account of the fact that it did not contain \$100. in value.

Before this button can be added to your previous shipment and the same reentered as a deposit, you will please note from my letter of the 22nd instant that it is necessary for you to pay the charges incurred for work performed up to the time of its rejection amounting to \$2.00. Upon receipt of these charges, I will proceed to again melt your material and promptly make payment therefor.

Respectfully


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 27, 1930

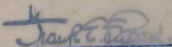
Mountain Plains Company, Inc.,
Sullivan Building,
Boulder, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your deposit at this institution under date of the 26th instant, please be advised that it has been melted and I find its value to be approximately \$85. Under the regulations, it is necessary that deposits have a value of at least \$100.00 in order to be accepted for purchase and I have therefore to request that you will send enough gold to be added thereto in order that it will comply with this requirement.

Before I can do this, however, it will be necessary for you to forward me a money order for \$1.00 to cover our melting charges on this deposit as it now has the status of a rejected bar. If you do not wish to send the additional gold and have this bar reentered, it will be returned at your expense upon receipt of the charges mentioned.

Respectfully



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 29, 1930


Mr. Charles R. Edmondson,
Cananea, Sonora, Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 11th instant and accompanying affidavit in which I note you state that " said gold was properly declared at the United States Customs officials in evidence of which appropriate evidence has already been forwarded to the United States Mint." Please be advised that it is necessary that each consignment be accompanied by a certificate from the Customs officials that that particular gold has been declared and the fact that previous consignments from the same source were properly declared is not sufficient to cover subsequent shipments and that it will be necessary for you therefore to send me the consumption entry from the Customs officials covering the 21 ounces which you have now forwarded but which have not yet reached me.

In this connection I also have to advise that your affidavit should state the source of production of all bullion forwarded to the Mint. Your affidavit covering the 21 ounces above referred to does not state the source of production of these 21 ounces.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 29, 1930

Mr. L. W. Lant, Chief Clerk,
Dallas Railway & Terminal Company,
Interurban Building,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 27th instant,
I am enclosing a circular relative to the redemption of
uncurrent and mutilated silver and minor coins which I
believe will give you all the information you desire rel-
ative to the pennies and silver coins now in your possession.

From this circular you will note that if such
coins do not show an appreciable loss of metal and can
easily be identified, they are redeemable by the Federal
Reserve Bank, or branches, at their face value.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

March 31, 1930

Mr. H. R. Berglund, Cashier,
Aspen State Bank,
Aspen, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

As per your request of the 27th instant, I
have this day returned to you by insured parcel post
the piece of brass recently forwarded by you, having
used the 25¢ enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	3¢
Insurance	5¢
Stamps enclosed	17¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

March 31, 1930

Dr. L. D. Rivenburg,
116 North Maple Street,
Creston, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request as noted on my letter of the 27th instant, I have this day returned to you by express, collect, the amalgam scrap forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

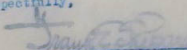
March 31, 1930

Mr. Thomas E. McCarron,
2120 Sarah Street,
South Pittsburg, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 27th instant requesting information as to the source from which you could obtain certain very old coins and have to advise that the Mint does not deal in such articles nor have I any information as to where they may be procured except from some of the larger numismatic dealers.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 1, 1930

Mr. W. Maxwell,
Coupland, Texas. Route 2, Box 46.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo and accompanying samples of rock and have to advise that while this institution does not make analyses of such material, our Assayer has examined these samples and does not believe they contain any gold or silver.

Should you wish, however, a more definite analysis, you could send samples to the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, which will make an analysis at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver - money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the samples which you have forwarded here, please send me 5¢ to cover the necessary postage.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 1, 1930

St. Joseph Optical Company,
St. Joseph, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a consignment containing 28.33 troy ounces of optical scrap bearing your name on the outside but to date have not received from you a letter of advice pertaining thereto - such advice being necessary before your deposit can be entered on our books and paid for.

It does not appear from a cursory examination of your material that its fineness or value are likely to meet our requirements although this cannot be definitely determined until after it has been melted and assayed.

It is necessary that deposits in order to be acceptable for purchase by this institution must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and a precious metal content of practically one-fourth of their weight.

In the event that your consignment should be found not to meet either one of the foregoing requirements after it has been melted, I would be compelled to reject it and impose a melting charge of \$1.00, and in order to save yourself this expense, I would suggest that you send some additional gold and silver to make sure that both its fineness and value are sufficient, as you no doubt are aware that optical scrap contains a great deal of base metal.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you full information relative to the receipt of deposits at the Mints.

Respectfully


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

April 1, 1930

Albert Pick-Barth Company,
1200 West 35th Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 27th instant, please be advised that if the silver plated ware you desire to have assayed to determine the fineness of the silver employed, consists of flat pieces, such as knives, forks, spoons, etc., there will be a charge of \$3.00 for each sample - two samples of each kind being necessary. If this plated ware consists of other articles, however, I would suggest that you advise me further in the premises as to their nature.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T


April 1, 1930

Mr. George Schump,
Jacksonville, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 29th ultimo, I am enclosing a circular which will give you full information pertaining to the receipt of deposits at the Mint, from which you will note that only such consignments as have a minimum value of \$100.00 and a precious metal content of practically one-fourth of their weight are acceptable for purchase; also all consignments must be accompanied by a letter of advice and all shipments must have transportation charges prepaid. Your package should be addressed to The United States Mint, Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully,


Frank P. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T
Enclosure

April 1, 1930

Mrs. Bella Stubbs,
Fowler, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Answering your note of the 31st ultimo, the Mint does not deal in old coins nor pay a premium thereon, hence I have no information as to what premiums may be paid on Indian-head bronze pieces. Perhaps you could get more definite information on this subject from some reliable coin collector.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 3, 1930

Mathers-Lamm Paper Company,
632 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

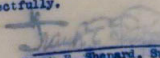
Referring to my recent order to you, No.233, under date of March 25th, last, for 15 gross safety matches, General Supply Catalogue Item No. 10704, I have to request that you will kindly invoice this purchase on your own bill head, certifying the original as follows:

"I certify that the above bill is correct and just and that payment therefor has not been received".

signing this certificate with the name of the firm, the name of the officer signing same, with his title.

I have received from you a public voucher covering this purchase, duly signed, but it is executed on voucher from the Division of Supply of the Treasury Department, and unless you have some regulation from the Department that matches shall be paid for by the Division of Supply, Treasury Department, I have to request that this purchase be invoiced as requested above.

Respectfully.


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

April 3, 1930

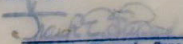
Mr. W. E. Riddle,
C/o Aubrey Riddle,
Dwingerfield, Kansas. Rt. 2

Dear Sir:

In further reference to the three small pieces of metal which you have forwarded to this institution and replying to your letter of the 29th ultimo, please be advised that I have tested your samples with acid and this metal appears to be brass and not gold. The Mint does not make assays of bullion without payment of a regular charge.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage your metal will be returned you and I have to request that you will let me hear from you promptly.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OM:T

April 3, 1930

Mr. Nelson W. Cox,
C/o Missouri Marketing Association,
1701 South Fourth Street,
St. Joseph, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your inquiry of the 1st instant, please be advised that the Mints do not make assays of mineral bearing rock but such work can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah at the following charges:

Gold	-	\$1.00
Silver	-	1.00
Lead	-	1.50
Copper	-	2.00
Zinc	-	2.00

for each sample - money order for the proper amount to accompany your remittance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard
Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 3, 1930


Mr. Burt Phelps,
Quinter, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 2nd instant, I have to advise that this Mint will purchase your gold nuggets if they contain at least \$100.00 in value and will pay you in gold coin or by check as you may prefer. Should you desire payment in gold coin, however, the coin would not be made from the identical gold purchased from you.

In the event that your nuggets do not contain \$100.00 in value, the Mint could not add the additional amount necessary to the nuggets and charge you therefor.

Respectfully.



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 3, 1930

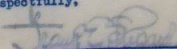
Mr. Harley Beery,
Atwood, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of recent date, I have to say that one cubic foot of pure gold weighs 1,207 $\frac{1}{2}$ avoirdupois pounds, which would have a value of \$364,018.09. A cubic inch of gold would weigh 11.1805 avoirdupois ounces and would have a value of \$210.65862. The avoirdupois pound, of course, consists of 16 ounces.

I am glad to furnish you this information without charge and am therefore returning the coin enclosed with your letter.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

April 3, 1930

Stevens Soap Corporation,
200-216 Sullivan Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith your invoice No. 4767 covering my purchase from you of six cases of scouring soap on which you have made a freight allowance to Washington, D. C., at the rate of 36¢ per cwt., with the request that you will kindly check this rate.

I have been advised by the local agent of the B. & O. and Burlington railroads that the rate on these articles is 59½¢ from Brooklyn to Washington, D.C. If the latter rate is correct, please amend your invoice accordingly.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

April 3, 1930

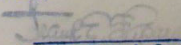
Mr. Joe McDaniel,
Nogal, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 31st ultimo and have to advise that while the Mint formerly purchased deposits which had a value as low as \$50.00, at the present time the minimum has been raised to \$100.00 and no deposits are now received containing less than that amount.

Regretting my inability to be of assistance to you in the disposition of your gold, I am

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 4, 1930

Mr. C. A. Kunkel,
Brenham, Texas.

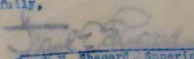
Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 1st instant and have to advise that if the gold which you desire to sell has been produced in the United States it will be necessary for you to state the name of the mine from which it was produced and the State and County in which the mine is located, together with a statement as to your relation to that mine, whether owner, superintendent, lessee, foreman or workman thereon.

If the gold comes from Old Mexico, please advise me and I will advise you further as to the necessary procedure for its sale to the Mint.

In view of the fact that you state you have been offered eight or ten thousand pounds of this metal, I would suggest that you ascertain definitely that the metal is actually gold before you proceed to make any outlay for its disposal.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

April 4, 1930


Mr. W. R. Taylor,
c/o John B. Taylor,
Grady, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 31st ultimo and accompanying sample of rock and have to advise that while this institution does not make analyses of mineral bearing specimens, it does not appear that your sample contains any of the precious metals. If you desire to determine this definitely, however, assays can be made for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver - money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

If you wish the sample which you have forwarded here returned to you, please send me the necessary postage.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 4, 1920

Barteldes Seed Company,
Box 5170, Terminal Station,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd instant relative to my request for quotations on blue grass and clover seed, please be advised that the award was given to the Colorado Seed Company, its prices being 23¢ and 35¢ respectively and your quotation being 30¢ and 35¢ respectively.

Thanking you for having submitted a proposal for these items, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 4, 1936

Miss Pauline Doll, Chairman,
Tower Hill, Illinois.


Dear Miss Pauline:

I have your letter of the 1st instant and unfortunately the Government does not publish any literature that would be of real interest to you or contain any information that would assist you in your studies.

I am enclosing, however, a little pamphlet and you will find on page 3 some information regarding the Mint marks, that is, the initial of the Mint at which the different coins are struck. All other initials found on coins are those of the designer of that particular coin.

I trust that this little pamphlet may contain some other information that will interest you in this connection.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

April 4, 1930

Margaret Dewar,
1415 Hurley Avenue,
Ft. Worth, Texas.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 2nd instant and regret to advise you that I am not in a position to purchase the small amount of gold which you have forwarded here and which consists of three nuggets, the nuggets and quartz all having a total weight of 0.21 of a troy ounce, owing to the fact that the Mint does not accept deposits which have a value under \$100. Possibly Burlingame & Parker, bullion dealers at 1901 Lawrence Street, this city, may purchase these nuggets from you but the Government does not recommend any outside dealers and I suggest the above firm simply as an accommodation to you.

If you desire the return of these nuggets, please send me the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 5, 1930

Clinck Dental Supply Company,
310-12 Adams Avenue,
Gorantown, Pennsylvania.


Gentlemen:

I have your favor of the 1st instant and in reply please be advised that I have reviewed very carefully the payment made you on your recent deposit and do not find that any error has been made therein. Your deposit upon receipt here weighed 82.06 troy ounces and after melting 57.04 troy ounces, showing a loss of 25.02 ounces, or 30.49%, owing to the large amount of dirt contained. The gold fineness was 766 and silver 113, leaving a base content of 121.

I find on comparing this deposit with your previous consignments on February 3rd and February 28th, which lost 29.61% and 30.57%, respectively, that the deposit in question contained a little more gold than the previous consignments and the net value paid you on the after-melting weight of your deposit was therefore a trifle higher per ounce than the two previous shipments.

I may assure you that while all weights, assays and calculations relative to bullion deposits are very carefully checked, I am glad at all times to have brought to my attention any apparent errors and to make any corrections when mistakes are found to exist.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

April 5, 1930

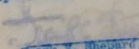
First National Bank,
Mogales, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your shipment of gold and silver bullion to this institution for the account of Mr. H. W. Miller, I have to return herewith Mr. Miller's affidavit pertinent thereto, with request that the Notary Public state thereon the date that his commission as notary expires, after which please return said affidavit to me.

Referring to your request to hold the silver contents of this bullion for the account of Mr. Miller subject to your later instructions as to its disposition, please be advised that payment for the gold content could not be made at this time and subsequent payment made for the silver. Should Mr. Miller desire silver bars in payment for silver content, this can be done with payment by check for the gold content, both being made at the same time.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

April 5, 1930

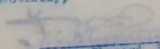
Mr. F. R. Huppe,
2532 Gilmore Street,
East Elmhurst, Queens, L.I.,
New York.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 1st instant, please be advised that this institution did not execute the coinage of any one-cent bronze pieces prior to 1911, in which year the design was changed from the Indian head to the Lincoln design and no coinage was executed of the former design by this Mint.

I am enclosing a list of the one-cent bronze pieces coined each year beginning with 1911 to date.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

April 7, 1930

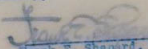
Dr. J. Ernest Hill,
504 Marine Bank Building,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 3rd instant, please be advised that in view of the fact that this institution does not purchase deposits having a value of less than \$100.00, I could not purchase the 100 pennyweights of scrap gold and filings which you are desirous of selling.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you an idea as to the amount of such material you will have to send to meet our requirement and such consignments as you may send in conformity therewith will be treated promptly.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

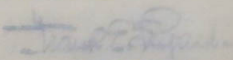
April 7, 1930.

St. Joseph Optical Company,
110 South Seventh Street,
St. Joseph, Mo.

Sirs:-

Replying to your letter of the 4th instant, please be advised that your optical scrap has been returned to you today by Express, charges collect, the 20 cents in stamps enclosed in your letter not being sufficient to pay the postage and insurance. The stamps are returned herewith.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

F.

April 8, 1930

Superintendent,
United States Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

Please be advised that I have this day returned you by Railway Express Agency on Government bill of lading No. T-42847, enclosed herewith, the assay balance recently forwarded by you to this institution for repairs.

This balance has been thoroughly overhauled by our Mr. Moessner, who has replaced the black rubber index thereon with one of ivory and attached an improved beam and stirrup rests, fully jeweled.

Included with this shipment, you will also find two complete sets of weights and riders.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent,

By

Dean H. H. H. H.
Acting Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

April 8, 1930

Mr. Clarence Kepford,
1727 East 24th Street,
Des Moines, Iowa.

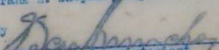
Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 1st instant addressed to the United States Mint at Fort Worth, Texas, and forwarded to the Mint at Denver, there being no Mint at that city, and in reply please be advised that the Mints do not deal in old coins and therefore ^{do} not issue a catalogue relative to such coins.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

April 8, 1930

Mr. E. H. Whitman,
Leadville, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 7th instant and accompanying consignment consisting of three buttons weighing 1.69 troy ounces, and have to advise that under the present regulations, deposits to be accepted for purchase must have a value of at least \$100.00 under which condition I regret to say I am unable to purchase these buttons.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance, your buttons will be returned you without delay.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Don Branch
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

April 9, 1930

Meyer Jewelry Company,
12th & Walnut - Foley Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

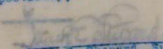
Gentlemen:

Referring to your deposit No. 15, which weighed upon receipt here 88.35 troy ounces, I have to advise that after melting this material I find that its base metal content exceeds 800 assay parts out of a possible 1000 and under the regulations will have to be rejected - no deposits being received which contain 800 or more parts of base metal.

I have therefore to request that you will send me \$1.00 to cover our melting charges on this deposit and if you so desire your bar will be returned you at your expense, or it may be reentered as a deposit upon receipt of the foregoing charges and 5 ounces of good silver to be added thereto to increase its fineness to the proper amount.

Kindly advise me promptly of your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:E

April 10, 1930

Mr. A. C. Roessler,
140 South Parkway,
East Orange, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:

I have your air mail letter of the 7th instant enclosing \$13.00 for which you desire certain coins and regret to advise you that I am unable to comply with your request as under the regulations, applications for new coins must now be made to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., in accordance with the instructions contained in the enclosed circular.

I am returning \$12.65 of the \$13.00 forwarded by you, having deducted 15¢ to register the return of this money to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

April 10, 1930

Mr. W. E. Middle,
Daingerfield, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 8th instant and have to advise that your metal has been tested with acid and there is no doubt about it not being gold and even if it were, the amount which you have sent is entirely too small for purchase by this institution as you have been previously advised. I have therefore again to request that you will send me the necessary postage for the return of this metal to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 10, 1930.

Mr. John Taylor,
Route 4, Box 116,
Salem, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith the two fragments of a one dollar bill enclosed with your note of recent date, and have to advise that mutilated or fragmentary currency is redeemed only by the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D.C.

I am enclosing a circular in regard to the conditions under which such currency is redeemed and have to call your attention to paragraphs 10 and 11 in said circular in which you will find full instructions pertaining thereto which should be carefully followed.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7
Enclosure

April 10, 1936

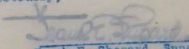
Mr. Harry Meyer,
Wellington, Colorado, Route 2.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 8th instant, please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins in any manner, nor in any case pay any premium thereon.

Regarding the letters to which you refer in connection with the dime, I have to advise that in no case are such letters placed on the dime by the Government.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 10, 1930

Mr. Perry Wiscomb,
Monument, Colorado. Box 144.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 8th instant,
please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old
coins in any manner, nor in any case pay any premium
thereon.

I am returning the coins and postage enclosed
with your letter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

April 10, 1930

Mrs. Florence G. Wheeler,
C/o Frank G. Wheeler,
1130 First National Bank Building,
Denver, Colorado.

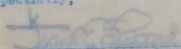
My dear Mrs. Wheeler:

I am enclosing herewith form of application for refund of the amounts deducted from your salary when employed as telephone operator at this institution until July 31, 1922, when you resigned from the service.

Please execute Page 1 of this form as indicated and note carefully paragraphs 1, 2 and 14 of General Instructions on Page 5, which should be strictly followed.

After executing this form please return same to me.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

April 10, 1939

Drs. F. S. Brown & J. B. Mathern,
Room 424 Hamilton Building,
Wichita Falls, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your consignment of recent date weighing 6.17 troy ounces and have to advise that I am in doubt as to your material containing the minimum of \$100.00 in value which is necessary in order to render your deposit acceptable for purchase.

Should I proceed to melt your consignment and upon assaying same find that it falls below the above amount in value, the regulations require that it be rejected and a melting charge of \$1.00 imposed. To avoid this unnecessary expense to you, I would suggest that you send at least another ounce of similar material to be added to your consignment to insure its having the required value.

Kindly let me hear from at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 10, 1930

Elite Jewelry Company,
Price, Utah.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your consignment of recent date weighing 8.58 troy ounces and have to advise that I am in doubt as to your material containing the minimum of \$100.00 in value which is necessary in order to render your deposit acceptable for purchase.

Should I proceed to melt your consignment and upon assaying same find that it falls below the above amount in value, the regulations require that it be rejected and a melting charge of \$1.00 imposed. To avoid this unnecessary expense to you, I would suggest that you send at least another ounce of similar material to be added to your consignment to insure its having the required value.

Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:G

April 10, 1930

Republic National Bank & Trust Company,
Dallas, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your consignment and letter under date of the 8th instant for the account of Mr. H.C. Manney and have to advise that the regulations at the present time require that all deposits in order to be acceptable for purchase must contain a minimum value of \$100.00, and while your consignment has not been melted nor assayed, it appears that its value will be in the neighborhood of \$75.00 which falls below the necessary amount above stated.

If your client can add sufficient gold to this deposit to bring its value up to the required amount, I should be glad to have him do so, but if not, his gold will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 10, 1930


Republic National Bank & Trust Company,
Dallas, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your consignment and letter under date of the 8th instant for the account of Mr. H.C. Manney and have to advise that the regulations at the present time require that all deposits in order to be acceptable for purchase must contain a minimum value of \$100.00, and while your consignment has not been melted nor assayed, it appears that its value will be in the neighborhood of \$75.00 which falls below the necessary amount above stated.

If your client can add sufficient gold to this deposit to bring its value up to the required amount, I should be glad to have him do so, but if not, his gold will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 10, 1930

Greenberg Jewelry Company,
Sioux City, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your consignment and letter of the 8th instant and note that you give the weight of your material as 332 pennyweights which would equal 16.60 troy ounces and have to advise that upon receipt here the contents of your four envelopes weighs 15.05 troy ounces. As this is a considerable discrepancy in weight, I have to request that you will kindly advise me if the weight as found here is satisfactory to you.

Regarding the last paragraph of your letter, in which you request the return of any platinum which may be found in your gold, please be advised that the Mint makes no allowance for platinum contained in gold deposits nor undertakes to separate it therefrom.

If under these conditions you do not wish to dispose of your material to the Mint, please advise me and it will be returned you by express at your expense.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 10, 1930

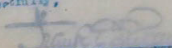
Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your shipment under date of the 9th instant No. 991 of light-weight gold coin on Treasurer's Transfer of Funds No. 895, I note that on Form 12 received from you, pertinent to this shipment, you have noted only the transfer value of these coins and not the face value.

In future I would appreciate your courtesy in stating both the face value and the transfer value of all such coins.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OU:T

April 11, 1930

Smith Jewelry Company,
23 North Broadway,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 9th instant which weighs upon receipt here 6.93 troy ounces, please be advised that I am doubtful if this consignment will contain a value of \$100.00 which is the minimum amount received.

Should I melt and assay your deposit and then find it does not contain the required value, I would have to reject it and impose a melting charge of \$1.00. In order to save you this unnecessary expense in that event, I would suggest that you send, say, another ounce to be added to this lot in order to insure that your deposit will meet the Mint's requirements as to the value necessary.

Please advise me promptly of your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 11, 1930


Mr. W. H. Whitman,
Leadville, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post the three gold buttons forwarded by you to this institution for purchase, having used the 20¢ in postage sent me by you as follows:

Postage	3¢
Insurance	8¢
Stamps returned	9¢

Respectfully,


Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

April 11, 1930

First National Bank,
Nogales, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 8th instant and accompanying affidavit and have proceeded to treat your deposit and make one payment for the gold and silver content.

I regret that it is not feasible for me to hold the silver bars for Mr. Miller, but owing to our limited vault space and the regulations prohibiting the holding of bullion in such a manner, payment for both metals is being made you at the same time.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OW:T

April 11, 1930

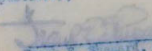
Mr. E. C. Carothers,
Broken Bow, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request noted on my letter of February 10th, I have this day returned to you via Railway Express Agency, collect, the small amount of gold and two silver watchcases forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase.

Regretting my inability to serve you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

April 12, 1930

Dr. William M. Muchow, President,
Chalk-o'-Mines, Inc.,
Evanston, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your note of recent date, please be advised that in view of the fact that gold is an element, there is no difference in its color no matter where it may be found.

Gold may be purchased from the Mint in lots of not less than \$5,000.

In regard to the purchase of silver, copper and platinum, the Mint cannot sell such metals.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 12, 1930

Mr. Don Pelow,
1206 1/2 West 38th Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your deposit of the 7th instant, which weighed upon receipt here 27.53 troy ounces, I regret to advise you that after melting and assaying this material its value is found to be in the neighborhood of \$66.00 which falls below the minimum amount received, namely, \$100.00.

Under these conditions I am required by the regulations to reject your deposit and impose a charge of \$1.00 to cover our melting charge, which I have to request you will send me by money order when your bar will be returned you at your expense.

Your deposit may be reentered, however, if you can send sufficient additional material to be added to this bar, but in any event it will be necessary for you to forward the charge above stated,

I am enclosing a circular which may be of some assistance to you in determining the amount of gold scrap and old jewelry which it is necessary for you to send in order to meet our requirements.

Please advise me promptly in the matter,

Respectfully, FRANK E. SHEPARD, SMO

Don Pelow
Acting Superintendent

OK:T
Enclosure

April 12, 1920

Mr. Charles Nicola,
315 North 10th Street,
Norfolk, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

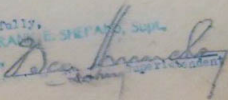
Answering your letter of recent date I have to advise that the standard silver dollar of the United States weighs .859375 of a troy ounce with a 10% alloy of copper leaving a pure silver content of .7734375 of a troy ounce. At the present time the New York market price for silver is 42½¢ per fine ounce. The pure silver content therefore in a standard silver dollar is worth 32.67 cents.

I regret to say that the Mint has no literature pertaining to silver for distribution.

Respectfully,

FRANK E. SHEPARD, SUPV.

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S. E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 12, 1930

Mr. Lee Toothman,
Wellington, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 8th instant, please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins nor pay any premium thereon. I am therefore unable to give you any information as to what premium, if any, is paid on the Indian head penny at the present time.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 12, 1930

Mr. John Q. Adams,
East 1603 W. Crescent,
Spokane, Washington.

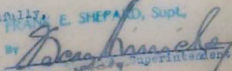
Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 9th instant, I have to say that the largest mines of molybdenum deposits known at the present time are in the United States the production of which is usually sold as calcium molybdate or ferromolybdenum. The Engineering & Mining Journal of March 24, 1930, quotes molybdenum 99% pure in 50-100 pound lots at \$11.00 per pound; 97% pure at \$9.00 per pound.

Perhaps the Climax Molybdenum Company, Continental Oil Building, Denver, Colorado, could give you further information on the subject; the Mint not dealing in such metal.

Respectfully,
FRANK E. SHEPARD, Supt.

By


Superintendent

OEH:T

April 14, 1930

Mr. G. A. Kunkel,
102 Germania Street,
Brenham, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 9th instant and replying thereto have to say that in view of the fact that the gold which you contemplate acquiring with a view of selling it to the United States Mint is of Mexican origin, before I can accept same, it will be necessary for you to furnish me an affidavit certifying as to the source from which the gold has been obtained; that you are the owner thereof and that it has not been stolen; also that you guarantee title to the gold to the United States; that it has been properly declared to the United States Customs officials and that in offering it for sale to the Mint you are acting on your own behalf and not for the account of another.

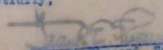
This affidavit must be signed by a responsible citizen of the United States before a duly appointed Notary Public or other official authorized to administer oaths generally.

If you desire to have an assay made of this bullion, this can be done for you by the Mint at a charge of \$3.00 for each sample, or if you prefer, you could have this work done by the following assayers, for whose work, however, the Mint assumes no responsibility:

J. W. Richards & Son, 1118 - 19th Street, Denver
Burlingame & Parker, 1901 Lawrence St., Denver.

I am enclosing a table of our charges for your further information on the subject.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

April 15, 1930

Klar & Winterman,
2310 Elm Street,
Dallas, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 12th instant, I have to advise that your invoice calls for 31 ounces and 13 pennyweights, whereas, upon receipt here your material weighs 28.95 troy ounces. As this is a difference of approximately 2 ounces in the weight of this material, I have to request that you will kindly advise me if the weight as found here is satisfactory.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 15, 1930

Mr. H. Marikuro,
Mazatzari, Sonora, Mexico

Dear Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant relative to your deposit at this institution and in reply regret to say that under the regulations no gold deposits of Mexican origin may be received for purchase unless accompanied by an affidavit embodying the information outlined in my recent letter to you.

While I do not doubt the facts pertaining to the production of this gold as stated by you, the law does not permit me to perform any of the functions of the United States Customs officials - each Department of the Government being a separate unit, and I could not therefore make any deductions from the proceeds of your bullion to cover such charges, if any, as the Customs officials might consider are proper to impose, nor to permit the entry of any gold into this country to which their office might find some objection.

As I understand it, there is no import duty on the entry of gold into this country from Mexico, provided, of course, the customs officials are satisfied that it is being imported in a legitimate way and I would therefore suggest that I return your gold

Mr. Narihira

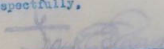
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to you and when you next visit this country that you have it properly declared at the port of entry and obtain the customary Consumption Entry Permit for transmission to me with an affidavit which will cover the points outlined in my letter to you of March 25th, last.

As the matter now stands, I cannot accept your gold and will return it to you to such address as you may indicate, either by express, collect, or parcel post, if you desire it returned to you by mail, upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

OH:T

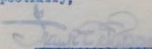
April 15, 1930

Mr. C. G. Sherdahl,
Fargo, North Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Several days ago I received your letter of the 8th instant informing me that you are forwarding a package containing gold and now have to advise that your package has not been received to date.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 15, 1930


Della Bond,
Ojo Caliente, New Mexico.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter and consignment under date of the 11th instant and regret to advise you that the gold crowns forwarded by you do not contain sufficient value for acceptance by this institution - no deposits being received which have a value under \$100.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage your consignment, weighing .53 of a troy ounce, will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 16, 1930

Mr. A. B. Miller,
Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 13th instant, please be advised that the Mint does not manufacture proof coins although uncirculated coins may be obtained when available through application to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C., when approved by him. I am enclosing a circular giving instructions as to the manner in which your application should be forwarded.

The Mint has not coined any standard silver dollars during the current calendar year.

The Government does not deal in old coins nor issue any list of coins available, nor maintain a list of names of parties interested in coins who are notified of the yearly coinage.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CM:T
Enclosures

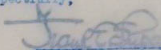
April 16, 1930

Berry Dental Company,
409 North 11th Street,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your consignment of recent date regarding which I have not yet received from you a letter of advice. As such advice is necessary before your deposit can be entered on our books and paid for, I have to request that you will write me promptly relative to this deposit.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 17, 1930

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 14th instant enclosing 12¢ for which you desire two one-cent bronze pieces of 1929 coinage and two five-cent nickel pieces of the same year and take pleasure in enclosing said coins herewith.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

ON:T

Enclosure


April 18, 1930

Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your
voucher-check No. 41747 in the sum of \$1.67 as commission
on collections from telephone booth Main-9972 for the pe-
riod March 11, 1930 to April 11, 1930.

Respectfully,



Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 18, 1930

Mr. Harold B. Allen,
Preston, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a package bearing your name on the outside containing a piece of metal which you evidently forwarded for sale to the Mint and have to advise you that this metal does not contain any gold or silver and it is therefore being held for instructions from you as to its disposition. If you wish it returned, please send me the necessary postage and insurance, otherwise it will be thrown away.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 18, 1930

Mr. Roy J. Anic.
Box 742,
Jerome, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Referring again to your endorsement on my letter of February 25th, last, relative to the samples of rock forwarded by you to this institution and which were returned to you by express on the 12th of March, please be advised that 16¢ of the \$1.00 enclosed by you were returned you with my letter and I am now returning the balance of 84¢ which I have been holding for the express company, having requested that your rock be returned you by prepaid express. I now learn from the express company that this shipment went collect; hence, the return herewith of the balance of your money.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T
Enclosure

April 19, 1930

Mr. M. L. Cronford,
929 Amherst Street,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of recent date and have to advise that while the Mint does not issue a price list in connection with payments for gold and silver deposits, the Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposit as determined by the Mint assay. For silver the New York market price is paid (less the fraction) which prevails the day before deposits are received.

I am enclosing a circular relative to the receipt of deposits from which you will note that all deposits must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and contain 200 or more assay parts in the precious metals out of a possible 1000; also that all deposits must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Please read the enclosed circular carefully and if you decide to make any shipments they will be treated promptly and any additional information furnished that you may require.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

April 21, 1930

Mr. J. F. Martin,
406 College Street,
Springfield, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter and consignment under date of the 17th instant, the latter weighing upon receipt here 19.14 troy ounces, and in reference thereto have to advise that the Mint does not issue checks in payment of deposits conditional upon acceptance. Before deposits are paid for they are sent to our melting room and melted into bars, the gold and silver content of which is determined by Mint assay after which checks in payment are issued. If you do not wish to dispose of your material under these conditions, please advise me and your consignment will be returned you promptly by express, collect.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 21, 1930

Hodgman Rubber Company,
Attention: Mr. S. F. Ryan,
Framingham, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant, please be advised that my check No. 2882, payable to your order in amount \$8.73, was issued in payment of your invoice No. 4201 of March 17th, covering my order No. 219 for 6 yards of rubber sheeting at 96¢ per yard, one-half of 1% having been deducted therefrom in accordance with agreement.

Respectfully,

Frank F. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 21, 1930

Mr. Gus Dalton,
Roosevelt, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your small consignment of recent data without letter of advice and have to advise that your deposit does not contain sufficient value for acceptance - it being necessary that all consignments contain at least \$100.00 in value.

If you are unable to send an additional lot that will bring this deposit up to at least \$100.00 in value, it will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

In this connection please be advised also that when deposits are accepted for purchase they must in all cases be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 21, 1930

Mr. Charles B. Thorn,
Y. M. C. A.
Rock Island, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 19th instant, I have to advise that all positions in the Mint are under the Classified Civil Service, examinations for which are held at various times by the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C.

Perhaps the local Civil Service Secretary in your vicinity could advise you as to when another examination in your line will be held.

At the present time there are no vacancies in the Mint nor am I under the impression that an examination will be held in the near future.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 21, 1930

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

I have this day to acknowledge the receipt of the following dies via Railway Express Agency, Inc., on government bill of lading No. T-61772:

- 10 - Obverse one-cent dies, #301 - 310.
- 15 - Reverse one-cent dies, #346 - 360.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

April 21, 1930

Mr. H. Dickey,
Northport, Washington.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 17th instant and accompanying gold crowns weighing upon receipt here .60 of a troy ounce and pertaining thereto regret to say that your gold does not contain sufficient value for purchase in view of the fact that the Mint does not accept deposits having a value under \$100.

As you only enclosed 4¢ in stamps with your letter for the return of your gold if not acceptable, I have returned the crowns to you by first class mail and an enclosing 2¢ stamp herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

April 21, 1930

Mr. Frank Snyder,
Brockville, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 14th instant and also sack of rock and have to advise that while this Mint does not make analyses of mineral bearing specimens, I think your rock is impregnated with pyrites of iron and not gold and that it is therefore of no value.

Should you desire your rock assayed, however, you might send a sample to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, which will make an analysis for gold and silver at a charge of \$2.00 - \$1.00 for each of these metals - money order for the proper amount to accompany your sample.

Respectfully,

Frank L. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 22, 1930

Mr. K. D. Williams,
Bluff, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your small consignment under date of the 17th instant, which weighs upon receipt here, .26 of a troy ounce, I regret to say that the Mint cannot accept your material as no deposits are receiving which have a value less than \$100.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your gold will be returned you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 22, 1930

Mr. S. Uhler,
910 Denver Boulevard,
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 19th instant regarding the payment made you on your recent deposit at this institution and in reply have to advise that I have had the assay of your bullion rechecked and the payment made you appears to be correct in every respect.

You know, of course, that before deposits are paid for they are melted and thoroughly stirred at the time to mix the various metals contained therein and then assayed to determine their gold and silver content - two complete assays being made on each deposit which must check before payment is issued. The determination of the value under these circumstances must necessarily be more accurate than the method employed by you in which mistakes will creep in from time to time despite every precaution you may take to prevent them.

I am confident you have been paid the full value of your deposit, less our charges, although I am glad to have you call my attention at all times to any apparent mistakes and to make correction of any which may appear to have been made.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

April 23, 1930

Mr. W. E. Riddle,
C/o Aubrey Riddle,
Daingerfield, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 21st instant and in reply have to say that in view of the fact that your metal is of no value the Mint cannot offer you anything for it regardless of the quantity you may have for sale. I have therefore to request that you will send me the necessary postage and insurance that I may return your metal to you, if you desire it, otherwise it will be thrown away, being of no value.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

April 23, 1930

Colorado Fuel & Iron Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Referring to my invitation of the 15th instant for bid on 100 tons of mine run, semi-caking bituminous coal with "fines" removed by passing over 1-1/4-inch mesh screen, please be advised that the award has been made to the Colorado & Utah Coal Company at \$6.29 per ton

Thanking you for having submitted a bid on this coal, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 23, 1930

Pikes Peak Fuel Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Referring to my invitation of the 15th instant for bid on 100 tons of mine run, semi-caking bituminous coal with fines removed by passing over 1-1/4-inch mesh screen, please be advised that the award has been made to the Colorado & Utah Coal Company at \$6.29 per ton.

Thanking you for having submitted a bid on this coal, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 23, 1930

National Fuel Company,
Denver, Colorado:

Gentlemen:

Referring to my invitation of the 15th instant for bid on 100 tons of mine run, semi-acking bituminous coal with "fines" removed by passing over 1-1/4-inch mesh screen, please be advised that the award has been made to the Colorado & Utah Coal Company at \$6.29 per ton.

Thanking you for having submitted a bid on this coal, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 18, 1930

Mr. Albert Koetting,
123 West Fifth Avenue,
Arkansas City, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 23rd instant I have to state that this institution will buy old gold and gold filled material when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and where the pure gold content will equal at least one-fourth of the weight of the deposit.

The Mint does not buy platinum nor make any allowance therefor when contained in deposits.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you full information regarding the receipt of deposits at the United States Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

April 25, 1930

Mr. Lewis C. McGregor
304 East Washington Street,
Pontiac, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant enclosing draft for \$1.50 for which you desire two fifty-cent pieces of the coinage of 1929 and 1930 and am returning your draft herewith with the advice that applications for new coins must be made direct to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C., in accordance with the information contained in the enclosed circular.

The Mint has not coined any half dollars during the current year but the half dollar for 1929 is available when its distribution is approved as above stated.

Respectfully


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T
Enclosure

April 25, 1930

Mr. H. Warhine,
Douglas, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 19th instant enclosing 50¢ in stamps for the return of your deposit at this institution to you by insured parcel post. In view of the fact that you did not enclose sufficient postage for that purpose, I am returning your stamps herewith and have to advise that I have forwarded your gold to you at Douglas, Arizona, by Railway Express Agency, charges collect. Trusting this will be satisfactory to you,

I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

April 25, 1930

Mr. Louis A. Marcelli,
2642 West Superior Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 24th instant and have to advise that the Government does not issue any pamphlets or pictures relative to coinage and I therefore regret that I cannot be of any assistance to you in supplying information on the subject of your essay.

Respectfully,

Frank C. Shepard, Superintendent

OK: T

April 26, 1930

Miss Adeline Miller,
621 North Irving Street,
Allentown, Penna.

Dear Miss Miller:

Answering your letter of the 21st instant, please be advised that the Mint does not have for distribution any printed matter or pictures of the Mint and I therefore regret that I cannot send you any information along the line desired by you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 26, 1930

Dr. L. O. Hope,
Citizens Bank Building,
Hutchinson, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 24th instant, I have to advise that this institution will purchase your dental scrap, etc., and after melting will pay you \$20.67 for each ounce of pure gold contained therein as determined by Mint assay. The pure silver content is paid for at the New York market price, less the fraction, prevailing on the day before deposits are received. No allowance is made for platinum contained in deposits nor does the Mint undertake to separate that metal and return it to depositors.

Consignments may be forwarded by insured parcel post or railway express, transportation to be prepaid by depositor. All consignments must have a value of not less than \$100.00 and contain approximately one-fourth of their weight in the precious metals.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on this subject and should you forward any shipments here, same will be treated promptly.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OR:T
Enclosure

April 28, 1930

Dr. M. F. Bauchert,
805 First National Bank Building,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

In reference to your letter of the 26th instant, please find enclosed copy of our Table of Charges from which you will note that when payment for deposits is desired in gold bars, same may be had without charge unless bullion 999.9 fine or special size bars is requested. No gold bars are issued for less than 5 ounces.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T
Enclosure

April 28, 1930

Mr. L. R. Bailey,
C/o E.L.duPont de Nemours & Company,
40 Worth Street, New York City.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 25th instant, please be advised that in order to supply you with the new coins desired by you, it will be necessary for you to make application direct to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C. in accordance with the enclosed circular from which you will note that coins may be obtained at their face value plus the necessary postage.

While the coins mentioned by you were issued in 1929, so far this year only the one cent bronze piece has been issued. None of the foregoing coins can be obtained prior to 1929.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

April 28, 1930

Mr. John Goryup,
Park City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 26th instant, please be advised that consignments of gold and silver bullion should be addressed to the United States Mint, Denver.

I may add that all deposits must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Please remove as much of the silica as is possible to do so.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 29, 1930

National Carbon Company, Inc.,
Attention: Mr. Frank J. Vosburgh,
Electrode Sales Department,
30 East 42nd Street, New York City.

Gentlemen:

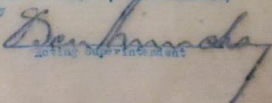
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant in reference to my request for a price on 25 pounds of ground carbon and have to advise that your standard high-grade resistor carbon at 15¢ per pound appears to be satisfactory for our requirements.

I have to request that you will kindly advise me promptly whether your price includes delivery at Denver or FOB point of shipment, and also complete and return the proposal form which you are holding.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent,

By


Acting Superintendent

OK:T

April 30, 1930

The Camp Bird, Ltd.,
Drawer K,
Ouray, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 29th instant, in the last paragraph of which you request the return to you of all empty sacks at this building in which shipments have been received from you, please be advised that all sacks on hand were returned to you by express, collect, on March 24th, last, since which time no consignments from you have been received until your shipment of today included in two sacks.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 11, 1930

Mr. Richard Wespes,
2345 South Broadway,
St. Louis, Missouri.

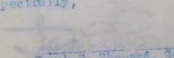
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo enclosing one-ounce sample of material which you wish to be informed if the Mint will accept, and in reply I regret to say that owing to the iron content and excessive loss which would follow the treatment of such material, the regulations would not permit its acceptance.

I am returning herewith the sample above referred

to.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

Enclosure

May 1, 1930

Dr. L. C. Hope,
Citizens Bank Building,
Hutchinson, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter and consignment under date of the 29th ultimo and have to advise that upon receipt here your material weighs 19.32 troy ounces. In view of the fact that you state in your letter you are forwarding 22 or 23 ounces of material, I am calling your attention to this discrepancy but have proceeded to treat your deposit as I presume your weight is avoirdupois ounces, on which latter basis it would be approximately what you claim it to be.

Your package was received intact and does not appear to have been tampered with. Payment will be forwarded you promptly as requested.

Trusting this action will be satisfactory,

I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Sr., President

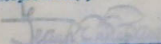
May 2, 1930

Miss Anna Ashlack,
Bowling Green, Kentucky, Route No.2,

Dear Madam:

I am in receipt of your letter of
the 29th ultimo and in reply have to advise
that the Government does not deal in old coins
nor pay a premium thereon, nor have we any lit-
erature pertaining thereto for distribution.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 2, 1930

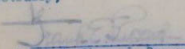
Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Please find enclosed your voucher for 5000 coin bags, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 22", in amount \$785.00 payable from Special Deposit Account - Miner Coinage Profits - at this institution, which you will please sign and return at your earliest convenience, check No. 2927 for the above amount being herewith enclosed.

In future, will you kindly have such vouchers issued in triplicate when payable at this institution.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosures

May 2, 1930

Mr. H. Harikire,
Nacozari, Sonora, Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of April 19th, last, in which you request the return to you by insured parcel post of your consignment at this institution for which you enclosed 50¢ in stamps, please be advised that on April 25th I wrote you at Douglas, Arizona, General Delivery, that I had returned your gold by express, collect, the 50¢ enclosed by you not being sufficient for its return by parcel post, insured. I am now in receipt of a notification from the Railway Express Agency at Douglas that you have not called for your package up to April 29th. If you have not yet received this package, I would suggest that you communicate with the Express Company at Douglas and request that the package be forwarded to you at such address as you desire.

A copy of this letter is being sent to your address, post office box 975, Nogales, Arizona.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

May 3, 1930

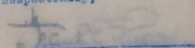
Mr. K. D. Williams,
Bluff, Utah.

Dear Sir:

I am returning you this day by registered mail your recent consignment at this institution having used 17¢ of the stamps enclosed by you for that purpose and am returning 3¢ in postage herewith, thus making up the 20¢ forwarded by you.

Regarding the value of your .20 of an ounce of gold, please be advised that it appears to have approximately about \$3.50 in value, although its exact value could not be stated definitely without knowing its pure gold content which could only be determined by an assay of your material for which a charge of \$3.00 would have to be made.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CC:W
Enclosure

May 3, 1930

The Joseph Dixon Crucible Company,
Attention: Mr. A. L. Reasis,
Manager Crucible Sales Department,
Jersey City, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your air mail letter of the 1st instant and regret very much that you did not receive the blue print of our No. 80 Denver Mint Crucible. This blue print was forwarded you on February 25th and has evidently been lost in the mails. I am enclosing one copy herewith and will gladly send you another copy as requested in a very few days.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OM:T

Enclosure

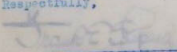
May 5, 1930

First State Bank,
Seminole, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 29th ultimo, I regret to say that under the regulations it is now necessary for banks to make application for new coins to the nearest Federal Reserve Bank, or branch, in their vicinity and I have no doubt if you will do this, you will be able to obtain the coins desired by you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:G

May 5, 1930

Mr. John H. Larden,
Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 1st instant I have to advise that your understanding of the conditions under which deposits are received at the Mint is correct, that is, all deposits must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and a fineness of at least 200 assay parts out of a possible 1000.

White gold is accepted under the same conditions but on all deposits containing 25% of white gold or alloys, an extra melting charge of \$1.00 for each 100 ounces, or fraction thereof, is imposed.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

GEM

May 5, 1930

Vesuvius Crucible Company,
Attention: Mr. W.E. Boothill,
Swissvale, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 1st instant and take pleasure in giving you herewith a synopsis of the bids received in compliance with my request for prices on certain black lead articles for the use of this institution.

	<u>Chicago Crucible Company</u>	<u>Dixon Crucible Company</u>	<u>Lava Crucible Company</u>	<u>Vesuvius Crucible Company</u>
150 500 Den.Mnt.Sp.Cru,as per B/P, each	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 9.20	\$ 8.00
150 500 Stand.Size Cru. (alternate bid) each ..	9.50	10.00	11.20	10.00
200 4-in. Mnt. for above ... crucibles, each	1.50	1.25	2.10	1.75
300 2-in. stirrers, " B/P. as.	.50	.25	.30	.19
100 Bell stirrers, " " "	1.25	1.20	2.10	2.45

The No. 80 crucibles are ordered from the Dixon Crucible Company; in all other cases the lowest bid was accepted.
Uniform discount on all articles.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CHP

May 5, 1930

Hailey National Bank,
Attention: Mr. O. E. Thum, Cashier,
Hailey, Idaho.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 3rd instant which weighs upon receipt here 3.25 troy ounces, I have to advise that no deposits are received which do not contain at least \$100.00 in value.

It will require about 5 ounces of additional similar material to bring your deposit up to approximately that amount and if you can send this I shall be very glad to have you do so. In the event, this is not convenient, however, your four retorts will be returned upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ON:T

May 5, 1936.

Mr. H. Fair,
503 Main Street,
Berger, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment with your card enclosed and have to advise that owing to the large amount of filled material contained in this consignment and the relatively small amount of pure gold which such material contains I doubt if it will have a value of \$100.00, which is the minimum amount accepted. I would suggest that you send sufficient additional material to insure that your consignment will meet that requirement.

I have also to advise that all deposits, before they can be entered on our books and paid for, must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 6, 1930

Mr. W. B. Washburn, Jr.,
Grants Club,
Grants, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

In reference to your consignment under date of the 2nd instant which weighs upon receipt here 4.36 Troy ounces, please be advised that at the present time the regulations do not permit the acceptance of deposits which do not contain a minimum value of \$100.00, under which condition it will be necessary for you to send approximately 4 or 5 ounces more of similar material to be added to your present consignment to meet the foregoing requirement.

If you can send this additional amount, I shall be very glad to have you do so, but if this is not satisfactory to you, your grains will be returned upon receipt of necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

WHS

May 6, 1920

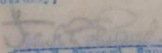
Mr. W. E. Marshland,
Grants Club,
Grants, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

In reference to your consignment under date of the 3rd instant which weighs upon receipt here 4.34 troy ounces, please be advised that at the present time the regulations do not permit the acceptance of deposits which do not contain a minimum value of \$100.00, under which condition it will be necessary for you to send approximately 4 or 5 ounces more of similar material to be added to your present consignment to meet the foregoing requirement.

If you can send this additional amount, I shall be very glad to have you do so, but if this is not satisfactory to you, your grains will be returned upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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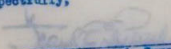
May 6, 1930

Mr. J. J. Levinson,
Rapid City, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your consignment valued at \$160.00 and have to advise that under the regulations this deposit cannot be entered on our books and paid for until I have received from you a letter of advice pertaining thereto. Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

May 7, 1930

Dr. Reed R. Hatfield,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

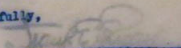
Referring to your letter of the 6th instant I have to advise that this institution will purchase your dental scrap gold when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and where the gold content consists of at least 200 assay parts out of a possible 1000.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounces of pure gold as determined by Mint assay after the deposit has been melted. A melting charge of \$1.00 for each 1000 ounces, or fraction, is imposed, together with a nominal treatment charge which varies according to the amount of base metal contained in the deposit. No allowance is made for platinum, nor does the Mint undertake to separate that metal from the deposit and return same to depositor.

All consignments must be accompanied by a letter of advice and be addressed to The United States Mint, Denver, Colorado, and have transportation charges prepaid.

You will find enclosed a circular which will give you further information on this subject.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

May 7, 1930

Alejandro Trujillo,
Villa El Tigre,
Sonora, Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 29th ultimo, I have to advise that this institution will pay \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits, less the customary Mint charges, when sent in lots having a value not less than \$100.00 and where the base metal content of the deposit does not equal more than 800 assay parts out of a possible 1000.

In this connection I have to advise, however, that gold produced in Mexico must be accompanied by an affidavit certifying that the depositor is the owner thereof and stating the source from which the gold has been produced; also that it has not been stolen. The depositor must also certify that he is forwarding said gold on his own behalf and not for the account of another; that it has been properly declared to the United States Customs officials at the port of entry (enclosing the Consumption Entry Permit) and further, guarantee title to the gold to the United States Government.

This affidavit must be written in English and comply with all the foregoing requirements and be signed by some responsible person in the United States before a Notary Public or other person

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authorized to administer oaths generally.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

May 8, 1930

Mr. J. J. Levinson,
Rapid City, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter relative to your consignment under date of the 1st instant and owing to the discrepancy between your weight and the weight as found here of your gold sweeps, gold filled watchcases and silver, I am appending a list of the weights given by you and those found at the Mint.

<u>Box. No. 1.</u>	<u>Your weight</u>	<u>Mint Weight</u>
Gold sweeps & filings & dust	24 oss.	20.42 oss.
Gold buttons, dental gold & gold dust	61 1/2 dwt.	3.07 "
Gold - 14 karat	55 1/2 "	2.76 "
Gold - 18 "	4 "	.20 "
Gold - 10 "	4 "	.19 "
<u>Box No. 2.</u>		
Gold filled watchcases & scraps	101 oss.	86.47 "
<u>Box No. 3.</u>		
Silver	63 "	54.24 "

In view of the fact that your package was received intact and it appears that your weights were only an approximation, I have proceeded to treat your material and no doubt will be able to forward you check within a day or two.

Respectfully,

Frank H. Shepard
Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 6, 1930

Messrs. P. J. Pedersen & Sons,
Savage, Montana.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 5th instant which weighs upon receipt here 3.75 troy ounces, I regret to say that at the present time the receipt of deposits is limited to those which contain a minimum value of \$100., to meet which requirement it would be necessary for you to send approximately 4 ounces more of similar material. If you can do this, I shall be very glad to have you do so, but if not, your gold will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 8, 1930

Mr. D. O. Bosley,
Quanah, Texas. Box 238.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 6th instant enclosing two small samples of mineral and have to advise that while this institution does not make assays of such material free of charge, I have cupeled your two small grains and they appear to be gold, possibly 700 parts fine, and silver about 200 parts fine out of a possible 1000.

Relative to your request for information as to how your property should be worked, I have to say that the Mint has no literature on this subject for distribution nor could I give you any information in the matter which would be of any material help to you.

The Mint only buys gold when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and then only in metallic form, although free gold containing only a small amount of sand would be accepted if sent in lots having the value stated.

The small button resulting from the cupellation of your samples is returned you in the small envelope in which you sent the samples.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

May 8, 1930

Mr. W. M. Cogdell,
210 West Tenth Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

On the 6th instant I received from you a telegram requesting that my letter to you, which presumably had been returned to me, be mailed to you at 210 West Tenth Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and today I am in receipt of a postal card from you requesting me to please mail returned letter to Tulsa, Oklahoma, General Delivery.

If your communications have reference to my letter containing remittance in payment of your recent deposit at this institution, I have to advise that this letter has not been returned to me to date, and I will thank you to advise me to which address you desire this letter sent when received.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

May 8, 1930


Mr. Robert C. Cronin,
1 Tallow Street,
Youghal, County Cork,
Ireland.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 22nd of April and in reply have to advise that this Mint has no interest in acquiring old coins.

I would suggest that you communicate with the Numismatic Club of New York City, New York, and if you wish to advertise your coin for sale that you do so in some of the larger New York newspapers, such as the New York Times, New World, etc.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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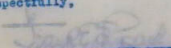
May 8, 1930

The First National Bank,
Springfield, Colorado.

Dear Sirs:

I am returning herewith the piece of metal forwarded with your letter of the 7th instant and have to advise that it does not appear to be a worn dime although it may be a dime blank which has in some manner been taken from the Mint although this could not be determined without making an assay of this metal which would practically destroy it.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

May 9, 1930

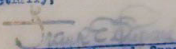
The Capital Dental Laboratory,
Federal Bank & Trust Building,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 6th instant and am in receipt of your consignment referred to therein which has been entered on our books as a deposit but have to advise that I am unable to include, as such, your polishing sweeps, which are unsuitable for acceptance owing to the large iron content which such material invariably contains.

Upon receipt from you of your wishes as to the disposition of this material, your instructions will be promptly complied with.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

May 9, 1930

Federal Reserve Branch Bank,
El Paso, Texas.

Attention: Mr. Allen Sayles
Cashier

Gentlemen:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 7th instant and regret to say I cannot return you the five counterfeit standard silver dollars found in your quarterly shipment of uncurrent coins under Transfer of Funds No. 877, owing to the fact that under instructions of the Treasurer of the United States all counterfeits found in such shipments must immediately be turned over to the local Secret Service after being assayed. In this connection please see Department Circular No. 55, Revised, bearing date of January 26, 1927, paragraph 21.

Respectfully,

Frank B. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

May 10, 1930

The Continental National Bank,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Gentlemen:

At the request of the Hailey National Bank of Hailey, Idaho, I am forwarding you under separate cover by insured parcel post 3.23 troy ounces of gold which this institution is unable to accept as it is not sufficient in value to meet our requirements.

I am enclosing copy of communication received from the Hailey National Bank in which you will note it desires you to sell this gold and deposit the proceeds to its account with advice to the bank.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

May 10, 1930

The Hailey National Bank,
Hailey, Idaho.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 7th instant in reference to your deposit at this institution and in compliance with your request your consignment, weighing 3.25 troy ounces, will be promptly forwarded to the Continental National Bank at Salt Lake City, Utah, with a copy of your letter of the 7th instant containing instructions to that bank relative to the disposition of your gold.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent,

By

Donna H. Hinchey
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

May 10, 1930

Dr. W. M. Storey,
414 First Central Building,
Madison, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

In reference to your consignment, which weighs upon receipt here 5.29 troy ounces, please be advised that as the regulations do not permit the receipt of deposits which have a value under \$100.00, it will be necessary for you to send about 2 ounces more of similar material to enable me to accept your deposit - its value as it now stands being insufficient to meet that requirement. If it is not convenient for you to send this additional material, your deposit will be returned upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Kindly advise me promptly of your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OH:T

May 10, 1930

Rents Bros, Inc.,
727 Hennepin Avenue,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:

I have your note in reference to your consignment which you state was shipped by express without prepaying the transportation charges, and have to advise that the regulations will not permit me to pay these charges and deduct same from the returns to be made you on your bullion as you request. I will therefore instruct the express company to bill back these charges to you.

Regretting my inability to comply with your request, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

by


Acting Superintendent

OH:T

May 12, 1930

The Hailey National Bank,
Hailey, Idaho.

Gentlemen:

Referring to my letter of the 10th instant advising compliance with your request to forward your consignment at this institution to the Continental National Bank in Salt Lake City, Utah, for which you enclosed 27¢ in postage, I am now enclosing 2¢ stamp which is in excess of the amount necessary to cover postage on your package.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

May 12, 1930

Bank of Timber Lake,
Timber Lake, South Dakota.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 7th instant, please be advised that while the Mint does not make assays of mineral bearing specimens, the assayer of this institution states that the specimen forwarded by you appears to be sulphide of iron which has no commercial value.

Your specimen is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

Enclosure

May 12, 1930

Mr. F. D. Mitchell,
Clover, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 9th instant and accompanying sample and have to advise that while the Mint does not make assays of mineral bearing specimens, our Assayer has examined your rock and states that it is quartz conglomerate which does not contain gold or silver and therefore is of no value.

If you wish this sample returned you, please send the necessary postage and insurance, otherwise it will be thrown away.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

May 12, 1930

Mr. P. J. Pedersen & Sons
Savage, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 10th instant, I regret that the regulations do not permit me to make any exception in the value of deposits received, especially in the case where your deposit would fall so far below the required amount.

If you desire I can turn your bullion over to a local bullion dealer for purchase with the request that return be made direct to you. In this connection I would suggest Carl Blaurock, Mack Building, or Burlingame & Parker, 1901 Lawrence Street, both of this city, and if you desire me to turn your bullion over to one of these, kindly write me a letter authorizing me to deliver it to the one which you may select.

In this connection I have to say that the Mint assumes no responsibility for the payment of deposits which are turned over to local dealers as an accommodation to depositors.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

May 12, 1930

Mr. W. E. Miniholland,
Hot Springs, New Mexico. Box 252

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 8th instant, I regret that the regulations do not permit me to make any exception in the value of deposits received, especially in the case where your deposit would fall so far below the required amount.

If you desire I can turn your bullion over to a local bullion dealer for purchase with the request that returns be made direct to you. In this connection I would suggest Carl Blaurock, Mack Building, or Burlingame & Parker, 1901 Lawrence Street, both of this city, and if you desire me to turn your bullion over to one of these, kindly write me a letter authorizing me to deliver it to the one which you may select.

In this connection I have to say that the Mint assumes no responsibility for the payment of deposits which are turned over to local dealers as an accommodation to depositors.

Respectfully

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

May 12, 1930

Chicago-Haegatuck Crucible Company,
2525 Clybourn Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith your invoice No. CM-30-837 covering my order No. 271 for certain black lead articles for this institution and have to request that the firm name be placed thereon just above that of your Vice-President.

I also have to request that you will indicate on this invoice that your firm was formerly the Chicago Crucible Company, as your proposal was made in the latter name and accepted in the same manner.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OR:T

May 12, 1930

Paul O. Abbe', Inc.,
Little Falls New Jersey,

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 9th instant with reference to certain porcelain jars an inquiry regarding which was made to the Staatliche Porzellan-Manufaktur of Berlin, please be advised that no action has been taken thereon and I do not expect to place an order for these articles in the near future.

Thanking you for your catalogue, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

DENVER May 13, 1930

DR. MUCHOW,
825 University Place,
Evanston, Illinois.

REGRET CANNOT COMPLY WITH REQUEST. REGULATIONS REQUIRE PAYMENT
BY CHECK OR RECEIPT OF DEPOSITOR AT MINT FOR CASH. CAN PAY FIRST
NATIONAL BANK, DENVER, WITH CHECK, AMOUNT TO BE REMITTED BY WIRE. ADVISE
YOUR WISHES. GLAD TO SHOW YOU PERSONALLY ONLY THROUGH REFINERY FRIDAY.
VISITORS GENERALLY STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

Day Letter


Superintendent

Collect at Evanston.

May 13, 1930

Mr. Frank Zeitz, Jr.,
Leadville, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

In reference to your deposits forwarded with your letter of the 12th instant, please be advised, in regard to your request that separate payment be made you for the two round muggets (retorts), that no deposits are paid for separately which have a value under \$100.

Under these conditions, if you can not send as much more additional material to be added to these muggets and do not care to have them combined with the gold bar forwarded by you, they will be returned to you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance. I will defer treating your gold bar awaiting your answer and have to request that you will write me promptly of your wishes in the matter.

In connection with this gold I have to advise that I am required for statistical purposes by the Treasury Department to obtain from every depositor the source from which the gold has been produced and I have therefore to request that you will inform me if this is jewelry or mining gold and if the latter state the name and location of the mine or mines

and your relation thereto, whether owner, lessee, superintendent on the mine, etc.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

May 14, 1930

Dennis Company,
521 Dooly Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah.


Gentlemen:

Referring to your deposit under date of the 9th instant, please be advised that after melting and assaying same I find that its value is around \$90.00 and as no deposits are received which contain less than \$100.00 in value, the regulations require that I reject your deposit and impose a melting charge of \$1.00 to cover the work performed on this consignment up to the time of its rejection.

Upon receipt of \$1.00 to cover these charges, your material may be reentered as a deposit if you can send sufficient additional material to bring its value up to the required amount or if you prefer, your gold will be returned you at your expense.

Please advise us promptly of your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

May 14, 1930

Mr. R. A. Beland,
904 Broadway,
Concordia, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

In reference to your deposit under date of the 12th instant, please be advised that your material has been melted and assayed and found to contain in excess of 800 assay parts of base metal - the regulations requiring that no deposits may be received which contain 800 or more assay parts of base metal out of a possible 1000.

Under the above conditions it is necessary for me to reject your bar and impose a melting charge of \$1.00, upon receipt of which your bar will be returned you at your expense or if you desire, to reenter it, this may be done upon receipt of the above charges and approximately 10 ounces or more of good silver to increase the fineness of this deposit.

Please advise me promptly of your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

May 14, 1930

Southwest Arts & Crafts,
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 12th instant, I have to say that this institution will purchase your silver filings and scrap if sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100 after our charges have been deducted, it being understood that this scrap, etc., is sterling silver.

The Mint pays the New York market price, less the fraction, which prevails on the day prior to the receipt of deposits.

Kindly accompany all consignments with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

May 14, 1930

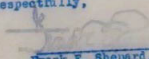
The Capital Dental Laboratory,
Federal Bank & Trust Building,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th instant in which you state you are enclosing \$1.00 in stamps to cover postage on the return of your sweeps to you and have to advise that these stamps were not found with your letter.

In regard to turning your sweeps over to a dental gold refinery in Denver, please be advised that so far as I am aware there is no one here whom I could recommend in this regard.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

May 15, 1930

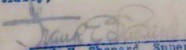
Mr. E. W. Funk,
407 West Park Place,
Peoria, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th instant and accompanying samples of rock and have to advise that while this institution does not make analyses of mineral bearing specimens, the material forwarded by you appears to be simply white iron which has no commercial value.

If you desire the return of these samples, please send me the necessary postage at your earliest convenience, otherwise it will be thrown away.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 15, 1930


Bureau of Mines,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with instructions received from the Director of the Mint, I am forwarding you this day by Railway Express Agency on Government bill of lading No. C-26133, one box containing one set of troy weights from 1/10 to 200 ounces.

Bill of lading above referred to is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

May 15, 1930

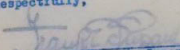
United States Bureau of Mines,
University of Utah,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with instructions received from the Director of the Mint, I am forwarding you this day by Railway Express Agency on Government bill of lading No. C-26134, one box containing one set of troy weights from 1/10 to 200 ounces.

Bill of lading above referred to is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

The Chicago Neugatuck Crucible Company,
2525 Clybourne Avenue, Chicago.

5/15/30

Gentlemen:

Referring to your shipment of 300 four-inch crucible rings as per my order No. 271, dated April 28, 1930, I have to advise that upon opening the containers in which these articles were shipped, it was found a number has been broken in transit, and a representative of the Northwestern Terra Cotta Company of this city, your local agent, was requested to visit this building and witness the completion of the unpacking of these rings, when it was found a total of 46 of the 300 were broken beyond all use.

The Western Weighing & Inspection Bureau was also asked to inspect the damage to these rings and I am enclosing herewith the report of its representative thereon.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

May 16, 1930


The Capital Dental Laboratory,
Federal Bank & Trust Building,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Gentlemen:

In compliance with your request I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post the polishing sweeps forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, having used the \$1.00 in postage enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	39¢
Insurance	25¢
Stamps returned	36¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

May 16, 1930

Mr. R. H. Findley,
4000 Park Avenue,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 14th instant,
I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post the
old gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using
the 16¢ in stamps enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage 6¢
Insurance 10¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

May 16, 1930

Mr. Joseph Carver,
Horwood, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 13th instant and in reply have to say that while this institution would be glad to buy your placer gold if sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, we could not receive this gold if not separated from the black sand with which you state you are now producing it, nor do I know of any one in Denver whom I could recommend to treat it for you in the latter shape.

Regretting my inability to help you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 17, 1930

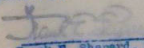
Mr. T. J. Fonville,
Desdemona, Texas. Route 1.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 14th instant and in reply have to advise that this institution does not make analyses of mineral bearing specimens nor purchase ore containing any of the precious metals.

If you desire to have assays made of the ore which you believe contains gold and silver, reliable assays can be made for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver - money order for the proper amount payable to that office to accompany your samples. I would suggest that you send a piece of ore about as large as your fist.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

May 19, 1930

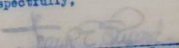
Mr. A. J. Cook,
R. 2, Box 36,
Greenfield, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 16th instant and accompanying nugget of gold and regret to advise you that this institution cannot purchase your metal owing to the fact that the regulations do not permit the purchase of deposits having a value less than \$100.00, which, of course, your gold would nowhere approximate in value.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your nugget will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 19, 1930

National Surety Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

In April 1928, I delivered to William H. Dardis, Helper at this institution, a form of official bond in the penal sum of \$5000 for execution and return to me after its accomplishment and I have been advised by Mr. Dardis that this bond was executed by you and forwarded direct to Washington, D.C. Will you please advise me if this is correct and give me the date of the bond, and also state if your records show that it was transmitted by you direct to Washington and to what Department.

Thanking you for your early reply, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

May 19, 1930

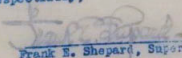
Mr. W. E. Munholland,
Hot Springs, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 14th instant, please be advised that in accordance with your request I have this day delivered to Carl Blaurock, Mack Block, of this city, your consignment weighing 4.34 troy ounces for purchase and returns direct to you.

Mr. Blaurock advises me that he will probably forward remittance to you late today or early tomorrow.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T


May 19, 1930

Mr. R. A. Beland,
904 Broadway,
Concordia, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 16th instant,
I have this day returned to you by express, collect, the
shipment of scrap forwarded by you to this institution for
purchase.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

May 19, 1930

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

On the 2nd instant I returned you the original of your voucher for 500 coin bags, $11\frac{1}{2}$ " x 22", in amount \$785.00 payable from the Special Deposit Account - Minor Coinage Profits of this institution for signature of the Superintendent, requesting that this be signed and promptly returned to me. As this voucher has not been returned to me to date, I have again to request that you will kindly return this voucher at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

May 19, 1930

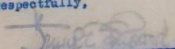
Chicago-Naugatuck Crucible Company,
2525 Clybourn Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Referring to my letter of the 15th instant advising you of the damage to 46 of the 300 4-inch graphite rings shipped by you to this institution, I have to request that you will kindly advise me if it is your desire to replace these rings at this time or if deduction therefor will be made on your invoice.

I am also returning your invoice with the request that your Vice President sign same by hand, as stamped signatures are not acceptable at the General Accounting Office at Washington.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure


May 19, 1930

Mr. E. W. Funk,
407 West Park Place,
Peoria, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 17th instant enclosing 10¢ in stamps for the return of your samples of rock, please be advised that these samples have been returned to you this day by parcel post uninsured - the postage forwarded by you not being sufficient to pay any insurance thereon. Please find enclosed a one-cent stamp which is excess of the amount necessary for the return of your samples.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

May 19, 1930

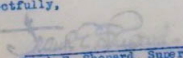
Messrs. Kies & Butler,
1360 Central Avenue,
Dubuque, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

I have your consignment of old gold and silver but have not received your letter of advice pertaining thereto, which is necessary before your deposit can be entered on our books and paid for.

Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

May 20, 1930

Mr. G. A. Tucker,
106 West 3rd Street,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your name on the outside but to date have not received from you a letter of advice pertaining thereto. As this letter of advice is necessary before your deposit can be entered on our books and paid for, I have to request that you will write me promptly relative to your shipment.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

May 20, 1930

Mr. Richard Hospes,
2345 South Broadway,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your name on the outside but to date have not received from you a letter of advice pertaining thereto. As this letter of advice is necessary before your deposit can be entered on our books and paid for, I have to request that you will write me promptly relative to your shipment.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

May 20, 1930

P. J. Pedersen & Sons,
Savage, Montana.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request of the 17th instant
I have this day returned to you the small amount of gold
forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using the 50¢
enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	6¢
Insurance	25¢
Stamps enclosed	19¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

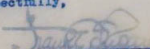
May 20, 1930

Belmont Smelting & Refining Works, Inc.,
General Offices, 330 Belmont Avenue,
Post Office Sta. "E",
Brooklyn, New York.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 17th instant, I have
to advise that our supply of spelter is ample for the time
being and when we are in the market for a new supply, you
will be duly apprised thereof.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

May 21, 1930

The Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your voucher-
check No. 42778, in amount \$1.70, covering commission on
collection from Telephone Booth Main-9972 for the period
April 11, 1930, to May 13, 1930.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

May 21, 1930

The Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Enclosed please find Form CA-3 - Report
of Termination of Partial Disability - of Harry
A. Scherf, employee of this institution.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

May 22, 1950

Arthur A. Everts Company,
Main and Murphy Streets,
Dallas, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your deposit under date of the 19th instant, for which you desire payment in fine gold, please be advised that I find after melting and assaying this deposit that its gold content is a trifle under 4 ounces and under the regulations no gold bar may be issued for less than 5 ounces.

If you desire you can send at least one ounce of gold to be added to this deposit, which will require the payment of \$1.00 additional to cover our melting charge in melting the combined lot, or payment can be made you by check for your deposit as it now stands.

Please advise me promptly of your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Ben Hinrichs
Acting Superintendent

OH:T

May 22, 1930

N. Uhler Company,
162 North State Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 20th instant, which weighs upon receipt here 8.54 troy ounces, I believe that the value contained therein may probably fall below \$100.00 although, of course, there is no way of determining this definitely until after your material has been melted and assayed.

As you have been previously advised, it is necessary to impose a melting charge of \$1.00 and reject deposits which do not contain a value of at least \$100.00, and I would therefore suggest that you send a small quantity of material to be added to your consignment in order that there may be no doubt about its meeting the foregoing requirement.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Benjamin
Acting Superintendent

OH:T

May 22, 1930

Mr. Peter Harley,
Snell, Virginia.


Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 19th instant, please be advised that the Mint will accept deposits of free gold when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, but could not accept such gold with an iron content.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OH:T

May 22, 1930

The Josten Manufacturing Company,
Owatonna, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 20th instant, which you invoice as weighing about 175 ounces, please be advised that upon receipt here your material weighs 161.08 troy ounces and in view of the fact that the weight as found here is not a near approximation of your weight, I have to request that you will advise me if our weight is satisfactory to you before I proceed to treat your deposit.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OH:T

May 22, 1930

Mr. L. W. Hoeffecker,
1514 Montana Street,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 19th instant and in reply regret to say that I am not in a position to assist you in obtaining some uncirculated \$2.50 gold pieces of the coinage since 1926 for the reason that this Mint has not manufactured any gold coins of that denomination since 1925 all of which have long since been distributed and in the event any such coins had been struck and were now on hand, they could not be distributed without authority being previously obtained from the Treasurer of the United States, which condition applies to the distribution of all new coins.

It may be possible that the United States Mint at Philadelphia could be of some help to you in this matter, although this is merely a suggestion. Previous authority, however, would have to be obtained from the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dean Branch
Acting Superintendent

OH:T

May 22, 1930

The National Carbon Company,
Fostoria Works, Fostoria, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Attention: Mr. W. E. Henderson

Referring to your letter of the 14th instant advising me that on May 13th you shipped to this institution one box containing 25 pounds of granular resistor carbon, your order No. C-57, my order No. 287, by express collect, please be advised that at the time my order was forwarded to your office at #3 East 42nd Street, New York City, I enclosed a government bill of lading, No. T-42849, to cover the shipment of said carbon to this institution, with a request that the original bill of lading and one copy be returned to me.

The granular carbon has been received but to date I have not received the bill of lading on which I certify as to the receipt of the carbon at this point and then deliver to the express company in this city as a voucher on which it will collect its transportation charges. Will you kindly have this bill of lading accomplished and returned to me at your earliest convenience as the express company can not collect its charges without this form.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

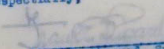
CH:T

May 23, 1930

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have to state that Mr. Edwin G. Smith has been an employee of the United States Mint at Denver since February, 1906, and that he has always been found to be a man of integrity and of excellent character.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

May 25, 1930

Messrs. Kies & Butler,
1360 Central Avenue,
Dubuque, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment of old gold and silver to this institution and particularly to my letter of the 19th instant requesting you to send me a letter of advice to cover said shipment, I have to advise that your notation, without signature, on my letter is not a compliance with my request. I have therefore to again request that you advise me that you have shipped this material to the Mint and state approximately the amount forwarded and the manner in which you desire payment made.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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May 23, 1930

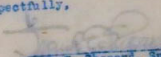
Mr. Charles I. Amer,
P. O. Box No. 811,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 21st instant, I have to advise that this institution will be glad to make an assay of each of the two samples to which you refer and I am enclosing a copy of our table of charges herewith, from which you will note that gold assays of bullion or jewelry free from the platinum group metals can be made at a charge of \$3.00 for each sample, or if gold assays are desired of filled goods and white ~~ware~~ ~~even~~ from the platinum group metals at a charge of \$4.00 for each sample.

Upon receipt of your samples and a money order for the necessary amount, payable to my order, the work will be done for you without delay.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

United States Employees Com.
Washington D.C.

UNITED STATES MINT, DENVER, Colo. May 23, 1930.

Respectfully returned with the information that no disability has resulted in the case of Mark G. Bell since the submission of Forms GS-1 & 2 reporting the injury sustained by him on April 24, 1930

Superintendent

May 23, 1930

Mr. Willie S. Small,
Obids, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:

Your letter addressed to the United States Mint at Deadwood, South Dakota, has been referred to me, as the United States Assay Office at Deadwood has been discontinued.

I have to advise that this institution does not make analyses of mineral bearing specimens but the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, can make such analyses for you at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, \$1.50 for lead, \$2.00 for zinc and \$2.00 for copper. - money order for the proper amount payable to that office to cover the different determinations desired by you to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the sample which you have forwarded here, please send me the necessary postage for its return to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 23, 1930

Mr. H. B. Coats,
Veedersburg, Indiana.

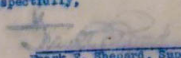
Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 21st instant and accompanying sample of ore which you desire to have assayed and in reply have to advise that this institution is not equipped to make analyses of mineral bearing specimens.

While your material appears to be white iron ore, it may possibly contain a small amount of gold or silver but this cannot be determined definitely without an analysis of the ore. If you desire to have this work done, assays can be made for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver - money order for the proper amount payable to that office to accompany your samples.

Should you desire the return of the sample which you have forwarded here, kindly send me the necessary postage at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

May 24, 1930

Hon. R. W. Hershey,
Manager & Ex-officio Sheriff,
City & County of Denver,
Denver, Colorado.

My dear Mr. Hershey:

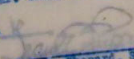
Mr. S. O. Young, the bearer of this letter, is the vault and time lock expert of the J. B. Mosaman Company of New York City, and yesterday reported at this institution to repair and clean the time locks on our vaults.

Mr. Young advises me he purchases his car in Denver and as he travels practically all the time and does not maintain a legal residence anywhere, has continued to use a Colorado license - namely 39510 - which he renews from year to year.

Not knowing the parking restrictions on West Colfax Avenue in front of the Mint, he parked his car there yesterday and was reported for parking overtime, the officer's ticket being enclosed herewith.

In view of the fact that this was in no sense an intentional infraction of the traffic ordinances of this city and the circumstances being exceptional, I would appreciate your courtesy if you would kindly excuse Mr. Young in this instance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure


May 24, 1930

Dennis Company,
521 Dooley Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of the return of my letter to you of the 14th instant with your notation on the back thereof, dated May 21st, in which you request me to take the melting charge of \$1.00 out of the proceeds of the silver content of your deposit and in reply thereto have to say that the regulations do not permit me to do this as the \$1.00 melting charge must be paid in order to reenter your material as a new deposit. Upon receipt of this payment, your deposit will be reentered and check forwarded you as early as possible.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

May 24, 1930

Mr. Grant W. Rogers,
Thermopolis, Wyoming.

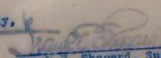
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your consignment under date of the 23rd instant and have to advise that this institution does not receive and pay for platinum when forwarded as a deposit and it will be necessary to return this metal to you, which will be done upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance to cover such expense.

As the result of the return of this platinum to you, the value of your deposit will likely fall below the minimum amount received, namely \$100.00, and I would therefore suggest that you send some additional gold to be added thereto, and I would also suggest that you forward 2 or 3 ounces of good silver in order that there may be no doubt in regard to the fineness of this deposit complying with our requirements which are that all deposits must have at least 200 or more assay parts of the precious metals out of a possible 1000.

I am enclosing a circular which may be of some assistance to you in preparing future shipments to this institution.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

May 26, 1930

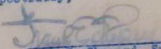
Mr. A. J. Cook,
R. 2, B. 36
Greenfield, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 21st instant, I am returning you this day by insured parcel post your small consignment to this institution, and am returning herewith 5¢ in postage of the 16¢ received from you, the balance having been used in defraying the return charges.

Regarding the value of your magget, this cannot be determined definitely without making an assay thereof for which a charge of \$4. would have to be made, but I would say that your magget is worth probably in the neighborhood of \$15 or \$17.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

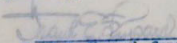
May 26, 1930

Mr. H. F. Hanington,
327 Iranistoun Avenue,
Bridgeport, Conn.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 21st instant, I regret to say that our stock of one-cent pieces of the coinage of 1922 has long since been distributed.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

May 26, 1930

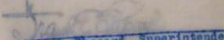
Mrs. E. D. May,
129½ West Main Street,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

In response to your letter of the 23rd instant, I am enclosing herewith a circular which will give you full information concerning the receipt of deposits at this institution from which you will note that old gold and silver may be consigned here when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and where the precious metal content is equal to about one-fourth of the weight of the consignment.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver. All consignments must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

May 26, 1930

Mr. F. S. McKee,
Aspen, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter and consignment under date of the 23rd instant and regret to say that inasmuch as your watch and chain weigh only 2.61 troy ounces, same cannot be purchased as the Mint does not receive deposits having a value under \$100.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance, your consignment will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

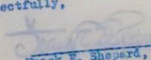
May 26, 1930

Mr. Gus Dalton,
1407 Larimer Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 19th instant,
I have this day delivered to Carl Blaurock, Mack Building
this city, your small consignment weighing .65 of a troy
ounce, for purchase and returns direct to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

May 26, 1930

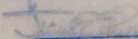
Mrs. R. Graham,
Ynot, Montana.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 22nd instant and have to say in reply that inasmuch as the Government does not deal in old coins nor pay a premium thereon, I am unable to advise you where you can dispose to advantage of your indian head pennies unless to some private coin collector or numismatic dealer, provided, of course, they pay a premium for such pieces concerning which I am not advised.

Your envelope, enclosing two one-cent pieces, is herewith returned.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

May 26, 1930

J. M. Mossman Company,
277 Broadway, New York City.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing voucher covering the cleaning and adjusting of six three-movement time locks in this Mint by your expert, Mr. S. O. Young, which I have to request that you will kindly sign where and as indicated and then forward to the Supervising Architect, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

I am also enclosing the certificates of your expert Nos. 17256 to 17261, which please enclose with the above voucher when forwarding same to the Supervising Architect.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Custodian

CH:T

Enclosures

May 27, 1930

Anderson Brothers,
Lubbock, Texas.

Gentlemen:

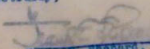
I am in receipt of your letter of the 20th instant advising that you had forwarded under separate cover some platinum, gold, gold filled scrap and polishing dust and have to state that to date your package has not been received here.

In this connection I have to advise that the Mint does not purchase platinum and if you are forwarding this metal in a separate lot or with gold in such form that you would not be willing to waive the platinum values, it will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance, provided, of course, that in the event it is mixed in with your gold, it will not be necessary for me to separate the platinum therefrom.

I also have to advise that in order to obtain an itemized statement with each lot forwarded by you, it is necessary that each lot have a minimum value of \$100.00, that being the smallest deposit the Mint receives for purchase.

I am enclosing you a circular which may be of assistance to you when making shipments to this institution.

Respectfully,


FRANK E. SHEPARD, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

May 27, 1930

Mr. J. Hyman,
1213 East 18th ,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a package bearing your name on the outside but to date have not received from you a letter of advice pertaining thereto which is necessary before your deposit may be entered on our books and paid for. I therefore have to request that you will write me promptly concerning this consignment.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent,

CH:T

May 27, 1930

Mr. R. P. Fullerton,
Renshaw Building,
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 24th instant and have received by express your package containing several slugs of metal which I have to advise appear to be principally lead, therefore without any value.

If you would like to have an assay made of this material for gold, this can be furnished you upon receipt of money order for \$3.00, or if you desire the return of this metal, please so advise and it will be forwarded you by express, charges collect.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OH:T

May 28, 1930

Mr. Chester E. Chambers,
Point of Rocks, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 25th instant and have to advise that no appointments to the position of skilled laborer have been made at this institution since the eligible list was furnished me and your name certified as indicated by the letter of inquiry furnished you at the time.

There are no vacancies of any description here at the present time and none are anticipated in the near future, although they sometimes occur on short notice. Should there be any necessity for making an appointment from the list on which your name appears at any time in the near future, I will be glad to advise you relative thereto.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

May 28, 1930

Mr. Grant W. Rogers,
Thermopolis, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

I have to advise that I have this day returned you by registered mail the platinum head ring forming a part of your recent shipment to this institution - the 17¢ in postage received from you being used for this purpose.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

May 28, 1930

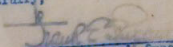
Dr. J. F. Tierney,
203 Cotton Exchange Building,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 26th instant and under separate cover your consignment to this institution weighing 4.50 troy ounces and have to advise that as \$100.00 is the minimum value of deposits received, it will be necessary for you to send about three ounces more of material similar to that contained in the buttons which you have now forwarded in order to meet our requirements. In the event this is not convenient for you, your material will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

I am enclosing a circular which may be of some assistance to you in preparing shipments to this institution.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

May 28, 1930

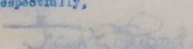
Mr. Tovia Brenner,
1219 Grand Avenue,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your name on the outside and have to advise that to date I have not received from you a letter of advice concerning this deposit which is necessary before your deposit may be entered on our books and paid for.

Kindly let me hear from you regarding this deposit at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 29, 1930

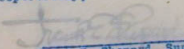
The Exchange National Bank,
Hutchinson, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith your cashier's check No. 302, in the sum of \$250.00, and have to state that under regulations of the Treasury Department coin is distributed only through the Federal Reserve bank or branch thereof and I would therefore suggest that you endeavor to obtain the coins desired by you through the nearest one of these banks in your vicinity.

Regretting my inability to comply with your request, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

May 29, 1930

Miss Annie C. Houghton,
Leadville, Colorado. P.O. Box 939

Dear Madam:

Answering your letter of recent date I have to advise that the Mint will receive consignments of old table silver of coin quality with an appreciable gold content when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and for silver the New York market price, less the fraction, which prevails on the day prior to the receipt of the deposit.

Should you make shipment here of any material, please accompany same with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 29, 1930

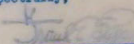
Arthur A. Everts Company,
Main and Murphy Streets,
Dallas, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to my letter of the 22nd instant advising that fine gold could not be furnished you in payment of your recent deposit at this institution owing to the fact that your consignment contained a trifle less than 5 ounces of gold and the regulations not permitting the issue of gold bars under 5 ounces, please be advised that I am now forwarding you check on the Treasurer of the United States in payment of your consignment, not having had an answer to my letter.

Our month closes with today's deposits and all deposits on our books must either be rejected or liquidated.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

May 29, 1930

Gantt Brothers,
221 Roberts-Banner Building,
El Paso, Texas.


Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter and consignment under date of the 27th instant, please be advised that it appears the value of your deposit will be very close to \$100.00, but should it fall below that amount, the regulations require that it be rejected and a melting charge of \$1.00 imposed.

Unless you are certain that your consignment will contain at least \$100.00 in value, I would suggest that you send an additional quantity to be added thereto in order to make sure that it contains the necessary value.

Please advise me promptly of your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 29, 1930

The American National Bank,
Silver City, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter and consignment under date of the 27th instant, please be advised that it appears the value of your deposit will be very close to \$100.00, but should it fall below that amount, the regulations require that it be rejected and a melting charge of \$1.00 imposed.

Unless you are certain that your consignment will contain at least \$100.00 in value, I would suggest that you send an additional quantity to be added thereto in order to make sure that it contains the necessary value.

Please advise me promptly of your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

May 31, 1930

Mr. Emery P. Christian,
1507 South Third Street,
Missoula, Montana.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 29th instant and in answer to same have to advise that this institution will purchase old gold when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and where the pure gold content is equal to about one-fourth of the weight of the deposit. If your watchcases are solid gold, they, of course, will meet our requirement as to fineness, but if a large proportion of your material consists of filled or plated goods, the base content will likely prove excessive and in this event I would suggest that you include enough good silver to insure your consignment having the necessary proportion of the precious metals.

I am enclosing a circular which may be of some assistance to you in this connection.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

May 31, 1930

Mr. B. P. Fullerton,
Benehan Building,
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 29th instant and in view of the fact that the Mint cannot handle your metal, I have returned it to you this day by express, collect.

The Assayer of the institution has cupelled and tested with acid a small sample of your metal and it does not appear to have any appreciable gold content.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Don Nichols
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

May 31, 1930


International Commission Company,
Douglas, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter and consignment under date of the 28th instant and in regard to your bullion have to advise that it will be necessary for you to state the source of same and if from Old Mexico, it will be necessary for you to furnish me an affidavit stating the source of production; that you are the owner thereof, and that the bullion has not been stolen. This affidavit should also certify that this bullion has been properly declared to the United States Customs officials and that you are forwarding it on your own behalf and not for the account of another, the Customs Entry Permit to be attached to affidavit. It is also required that you guarantee the title to this bullion to the United States Government.

Upon receipt of a satisfactory affidavit covering the above points, your bullion will be treated and payment made you promptly.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent
By 
Acting Superintendent

OK:T

May 31, 1930

Mr. W. McPadden, Vice President,
Chicago-Nangstuck Crurable Company,
2525 Clybourn Avenue, Chicago.

Dear Sir:

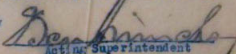
I have your letter of the 26th instant and in reply have to say that the Kammitt-Patterson Storage Company of this city has the contract for general hauling from the railroad depot to the Mint during the current fiscal year and this service has always been satisfactory. This contract, however, expires on June 30th, next, and I am unable to say at this time which transfer company will do the general hauling thereafter, there being a number of reliable firms here which enter the competition for this work.

Your shipment of 46 rings to replace those broken in your prior shipment has been received and I am glad to say the rings were found to be in a satisfactory condition.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

May 31, 1930

Mr. F. S. McKee,
Aspen, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request I have this day
returned to you the watch and chain forwarded by you
to this Mint for purchase, using the 11¢ in postage
enclosed by you as follows:

Postage	5¢
Insurance	6¢

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Ben Branch
Acting Superintendent

June 2, 1930

The First National Bank,
Rio Grande, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 29th ultimo I have to say that the Mint will purchase your mutilated silver coins for their bullion value, paying therefor the New York market price, less the fraction.

I would suggest that these coins be forwarded either by express or by insured parcel post.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 2, 1937

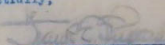
The Cameron Trust Company,
Cameron, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 30th ultimo, I have to state that the Mint is not equipped to make assays of mineral bearing specimens but reliable work of this kind can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, for each sample - money order for the proper amount payable to that office to accompany your samples.

Your stamped envelope is returned herewith.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

June 2, 1937


The Cameron Trust Company,
Cameron, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 30th ultimo, I have to state that the Mint is not equipped to make assays of mineral bearing specimens but reliable work of this kind can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, for each sample - money order for the proper amount payable to that office to accompany your samples.

Your stamped envelope is returned herewith.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

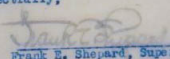
June 2, 1930

Messrs. J. W. Richards & Son,
1118 - 19th Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith copy of letter from
K. C. Morse of Sterling, Colorado, together with copy
of my reply thereto, both of which are self-explanatory.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosures

June 2, 1930

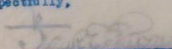
Mr. K. C. Morse,
410 McKinley Street,
Sterling, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 31st ultimo and in reply have to advise that the Mint is not equipped to make assays of your black sand as you desire and while it is not the policy of the Government to recommend outside assayers, I believe that J. W. Richards & Son, 1118 Nineteenth Street, this city, could make these assays for you.

I have referred a copy of your letter to them and I have no doubt you will hear from them in due course.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Copy to J.W.Richards & Son.

June 2, 1930

Mrs. E. A. Burch,
Tabernash, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 2nd instant and in reply have to advise that the Mint does not redeem fragments of currency nor old paper money in any form, nor pay a premium thereon.

When affidavits can be furnished by the holders of such fragments certifying as to the manner in which the missing portions have been destroyed and when the fragments saved are of sufficient size, they may be redeemed by the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C..

As you state, however, that you have inherited the portions in your possession from your grandmother, it would not, of course, be possible for you to make an affidavit relative to the conditions pertaining to the destruction of the missing parts and I see no way by which you can obtain a refund of the portions now in your possession.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

June 2, 1930

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day to acknowledge the receipt
of the following dies via Railway Express Agency, Inc.,
on Government bill of lading No. T-61802:

10	-	Obverse	One-Cent	Dies,	Nos.	361	-	370
10	-	Reverse	"	"	"	376	-	385
5	-	Reverse	"	"	"	426	-	430

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

June 2, 1930

Anderson Brothers,
Lubbock, Texas.

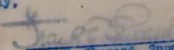
Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 30th ultimo advising that you were enclosing 10¢ in stamps for the return to you of the platinum recently forwarded with your consignment to this institution and have to report that these stamps were not found with your letter.

Upon weighing your platinum after being wrapped, I find that it will require 11¢ to cover postage and insurance on your package for \$25.00.

In each of your letters you speak of the Mint giving you an "estimate" on your material and in this connection I have to advise that the Mint does not do this and it was assumed that you were forwarding this material here for purchase. If it is being forwarded here simply for an estimate, it will have to be returned to you, but if for purchase, the Mint will take it if the value contained is at least \$100.00 and its fineness is found to be satisfactory.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

June 2, 1930

Mr. William S. Small,
West Jefferson, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of recent date addressed to the United States Mint at Deadwood, South Dakota, has, like your previous letter to that office, been referred to this institution as there is no United States Mint in that city and the United States Assay Office formerly located there has been abandoned for some years.

Your samples of ore were also forwarded to this Mint and on May 23rd you were advised that the Mint could not make an analysis of these samples as we are not equipped to do that kind of work. As you were informed such work can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver - money order payable to that office to accompany your samples.

If you wish the samples now in my possession returned to you, please forward the necessary postage at your earliest convenience, otherwise it will be necessary for me to throw them away owing to lack of storage space.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

June 2, 1930

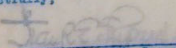
Mr. Charles L. Auer,
P.O. Box 811,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 29th ultimo in reference to the payment made on your recent deposit at this institution, Certificate No. 1579, and in compliance with your request, I have had your bar re-sampled and two assays made from same which confirm the determinations previously found and on which payment was made you - our Assayer's report being herewith enclosed.

There is no charge for this work as I am always glad to check the payments made on deposits at this institution.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

June 3, 1930


Dr. J. F. Tierney,
208 Cotton Exchange Building,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request I have this day returned to you by registered mail the material forwarded by you to this institution for purchase, using the 35¢ in postage enclosed by you as follows:

Postage	12¢
Registry fee	20¢
Stamps returned	3¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

June 4, 1930

Mr. C. G. Smith,
Cherokee City, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 2nd instant, I have to advise that this institution is not equipped to make analyses of mineral bearing sand or rock. Reliable work of this kind, however, can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver for each sample - money order for the proper amount payable to that office to accompany your samples.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

June 4, 1930

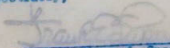
Mr. Julius Mock,
406 South 4th West,
Provo, Utah.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your note of the 2nd instant and accompanying vial containing brass filings and have to advise that the Mint does not purchase this metal.

If you desire the return of these brass grains, please send me the necessary postage and insurance at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

June 4, 1930

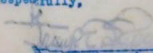
Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith blank form of contract in triplicate which you are requested to execute for telephone service at this building for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1931.

Kindly return all copies to me at your earliest convenience when the triplicate will be returned you after being fully signed.

Respectfully,



Mark E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

June 4, 1930

Public Service Company of Colorado,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith black form of contract in triplicate for gas and electric service at this building during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1931.

I have to request that you will kindly execute these at your earliest convenience and return all copies to me. The triplicate of each will be returned you after being properly signed.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

June 5, 1930

Mr. Dan Roberts,
Hudson (Rolling Portage, P.O.)
Ontario, Canada.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant enclosing money order No. 7118 for \$5.00 to cover the assaying of some samples which you are forwarding under separate cover and am returning herewith your money order with the advice that the Mint is not equipped to make assays of this nature.

Reliable assays can be made for you, however, by the United States Assay Office at Boise, Idaho, or at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold, \$1.00 for silver, \$2.00 for zinc and \$2.00 for copper - money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of your samples, please advise me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

June 5, 1930.

Mr. Alec Monroe,
Loos, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo and accompanying consignment which you state weighs 5 ounces and 14 pennyweights, and have to advise that upon receipt here your material weighs 4.99 ounces. In view of this discrepancy, I am withholding treatment of your consignment until advised by you that the weight as found here is satisfactory.

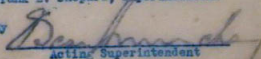
I also wish to state that as the minimum value of deposits received is \$100.00 and your material would not likely exceed \$80.00 in value, I have to request that you will send an additional quantity to be added thereto in order that it will have at least \$100.00 in value.

Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

June 5, 1930

Akron Associated Dentists,
Akron, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 2nd instant, I have to advise that the barrel of sweepings referred to therein has been received and I am holding same for instructions from you as to its disposition as the Mint does not receive consignments of this nature.

Please advise me promptly as to your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank B. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Benjamin A. ...
Acting Superintendent

OH:T

June 6, 1930

Mountain Plains Companies, Inc.,
Boulder, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 3rd instant advising that you are forwarding a package containing three buttons of gold bullion on each of which you desire a separate return and in reply regret to say that I am unable to comply with your request since to do so would necessitate a separate melting and assaying of each one of these buttons.

If you desire, a memorandum can be attached to your statement of returns showing the exact weight of each one of these buttons, or if you so desire, they can be assayed separately for gold and silver at a charge of \$4.00 each.

Please let me hear from you as to your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

June 6, 1930

Pfeifer Jewelry Company,
621 Leopard Street,
Corpus Christi, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 3rd instant and accompanying consignment containing two lots of gold bullion, weighing respectively 9.21 troy ounces and 2.38 troy ounces, for which you request separate returns.

To make separate returns on these shipments, they would have to be entered as separate deposits and as no deposits are entered on our books which have a value under \$100.00, your second lot, weighing 2.38 troy ounces, would be too small to be so received. If you desire these could be combined and one check sent you for the lot, or if you prefer, Lot No.2 will be returned you at your expense by express.

Kindly let me hear from you promptly as to your wishes in this matter.

I am enclosing a circular which may be of assistance to you in making shipments to this institution.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard
Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

June 7, 1930

Mr. Bernard McCabe,
Wallkill, New York, R.F.D. No. 2

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 3rd instant enclosing money order for 20¢ for which you desire some one cent bronze pieces of 1922 coinage and regret to say that our entire stock of these coins is long since exhausted. This Mint manufactured the only pieces of this denomination during that year and I expect you will not be able to get any at this time unless from some other coin collector.

Your money order is returned herewith.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

June 7, 1930,

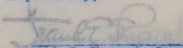
Anderson Bros. Jewelers,
Attention: Mr. J. C. Anderson,
Lubbock, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request of June 4th, I
have this day returned to you the platinum included in
your recent shipment to this institution, using the 18¢
in postage enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	3¢
Insurance	6¢
Stamps returned	7¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

June 9, 1930

LaGrange Grocery Company,
Attention: Mr. Max Hagedorn,
LaGrange, Georgia.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 4th instant, I regret to advise you that this institution is not equipped to make assays of mineral bearing rock or sand. Reliable work of this kind, however, can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold; \$1.00 for silver; \$1.50 for lead; \$2.00 for zinc and \$2.00 for copper - money order for the proper amount payable to that office to accompany your samples.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

June 9, 1930

Sears, Roebuck & Company,
Attention: Mr. T. Maurahan, Dept. 4,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 6th instant, stating that you are forwarding by sealed express, case No.216, containing 36-ounce gold bar, I have to advise that upon receipt here I find your package contains 24 small gold bars weighing in the aggregate 48.91 troy ounces. As this weight is considerably in excess of the amount stated in your invoice, I have to request that you will advise me promptly if the weight as found here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

June 9, 1930

Mr. W. A. Guthrie,
840 Pitkin Avenue,
Grand Junction, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your note of the 6th instant and also the vial received under separate cover and have to advise that the contents of the vial which you thought might be gold dust proved to be mica and without any value.

If you desire the return of this material, please send me the necessary postage and insurance at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 10, 1930

Mr. E. E. Whitesel,
Moffatt, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 6th instant I have to advise that examinations for positions in the United States Mint are held by the United States Civil Service Commission, the local Secretary of which is in the Post Office Building in this city and I would suggest that you write to him for any information you desire relative to such examinations.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 10, 1930

Mr. E. C. Mally,
Cainsville, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

In reference to your letter of June 6th and accompanying consignment which weight upon receipt here 3.11 troy ounces, I regret to advise that your shipment cannot be accepted for purchase owing to the fact that the regulations do not permit the acceptance of deposits having a value under \$100.

If you can send about 5 ounces more of similar material to be added to this shipment, I should be glad to have you do so, but in the event this is not convenient, your material will be returned upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you full information relative to the receipt of deposits at this Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

June 10, 1930

Dr. T. B. Fleming,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your name on the outside but cannot enter this shipment on our books and pay for same until a letter of advice has been received from you pertaining thereto.

The regulations also require that each deposit have a minimum value of \$100.00 and when consignments do not contain such value they must be rejected and a melting charge of \$1.00 imposed. If you have anydoubt about your consignment meeting this requirement, I would suggest that you send a small quantity of similar material to be added thereto.

I am enclosing a circular which may be of some assistance when making shipments to this institution.

Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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June 10, 1930

Mr. E. H. Simons,
Pinos Altos, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment enclosing your card but I cannot enter this shipment on our books and pay for same until a letter of advice has been received from you pertaining thereto.

The regulations also require that each deposit have a minimum value of \$100.00 and when consignments do not contain such value they must be rejected and a melting charge of \$1.00 imposed. If you have any doubt about your consignment meeting this requirement, I would suggest that you send a small quantity of similar material to be added thereto.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you full information relative to the receipt of deposits at this institution.

Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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June 10, 1930

Mr. Julius Mock,
408 South 4th West,
Provo, Utah.

Dear Sir:

I have this day returned you by insured parcel
post the brass grains recently forwarded by you to this
institution.

You will find herewith $3\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ in postage - this
being in excess of the amount necessary for postage on
your metal.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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Enclosure

June 11, 1930

Mr. Pat Morey,
Box 366,
Cleelum, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of recent date relative to price for testing minerals, I have to advise that this institution is not equipped to make analyses of mineral bearing specimens. Reliable work of this kind, however, can be done for you by the United States Assay Office either at Boise, Idaho, or Salt Lake City, Utah, at the following charges for each sample:

Gold	\$1.00
Silver	1.00
Lead	1.50
Copper	2.00
Zinc	2.00

Money order for the proper amount must accompany your samples.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:4

June 12, 1930

Mr. W. J. Matheson,
Duncan, Arizona. Box 223.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 8th instant stating you are forwarding some ore samples to this institution for assay, please be advised that this Mint is not equipped to do work of this kind. Reliable assays, however, can be made for you by the Mint at Carson City, Nevada, or the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver - money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the sample you have forwarded here, kindly send the necessary postage.

The Mint does not issue any books or literature on minerals.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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June 12, 1930

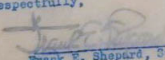
Akron Associated Dentists,
Akron, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 9th instant relative to the barrel of sweepings forwarded by you to this institution for purchase and have to advise that in view of the fact that the Mint has no drayage facilities, I would suggest that you make arrangements with the Kennicott-Patterson Warehouse Corporation of this city to call at the Mint and forward your barrel of sweepings to the refinery mentioned in your letter.

If this arrangement is satisfactory to you, please send me a letter of authority to deliver these sweepings to the Kennicott-Patterson Warehouse Corporation or such other transfer company as you may designate to ship them for you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 12, 1930

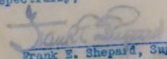
Mr. Vernon J. Veron,
No. 2, Oread Apartments,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of June 11th, please be advised that inasmuch as the Mint redeems mutilated silver coins only at their bullion value, I am unable to advise you as to what allowance could be made for the silver coins in your possession without having the opportunity to weigh them and thus ascertain their present silver content.

In regard to the minor coins, please be advised that these are purchased in one-pound lots only, at the rate of 14¢ and 15¢ per pound, respectively, for copper and nickel.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

June 13, 1930

Dr. F. J. Hamner,
302-306 Phoenix Block,
Butte, Montana.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your consignment of recent date and have to advise that before deposits can be entered on our books and be treated for purchase, it is necessary that depositors accompany same with a letter of advice.

I find upon weighing your deposit that it weighs 4.98 troy ounces and will fall below the minimum value of deposits received, namely, \$100. It will require about three ounces more of similar material to render your deposit acceptable for purchase under these conditions and if you can supply this additional material, I shall be glad to have you do so. Should this not be convenient, however, your material will be returned upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information in reference to deposits at this institution.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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Enclosure

June 13, 1930

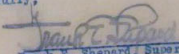
Messrs. W. & J. Sloan,
709 Twelfth Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith my order No. 314 for 45 square yards of battle ship linoleum for shipment to this institution on the enclosed bill of lading, to be furnished under Item No 2860 (a)(3) General Schedule of Supplies.

I note in the above catalogue that tan is the only color specified. This linoleum will be used on the floor where fine particles of gold will be dropped and if a dark green, or some other color that would be in contrast to the color of gold could be supplied at the contract price and under the conditions of your contract, I would be very glad to have you do so. If your contract, however, includes only the tan color, I do not wish, of course, to ask you to make any change therein that would not be entirely consistent therewith.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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June 13, 1930

Mr. J. P. Inman,
Midland, Texas.

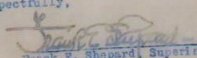
Dear Sir:

Referring to your deposit under date of the 11th instant, which weighs upon receipt here 13.55 troy ounces, I have to advise that it appears the value of your material will be very close of \$100.00 which is the minimum value of deposit received and should it fall below that amount, the regulations require that it shall be rejected and a melting charge of \$1.00 imposed.

I would therefore suggest that you send a small additional quantity of similar material to be added to this lot in order that there may be no doubt as to your consignment having the required value.

Please advise me of your wishes at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 14, 1930

Presto-O-Lite Company, Inc.,
910 Baltimore Avenue,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

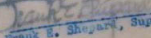
I have your monthly statement dated May 31st calling attention to apparent balance due you amounting to \$8.10 for compressed gas furnished by you to this institution under date of May 28, 1930. In reference thereto, please be advised that the yearly contract for supplying these gases is with the Linde Air Products Company and payment therefore for all such gases is made to that company direct and not to any of its subsidiaries through whom that company may obtain them.

On May 23rd payment was made the Linde Air Products Company for

1 - cylinder containing 300 cu.ft. of acetylene gas	\$8.10
at \$2.70 per 100 cu.ft.	
1 - cylinder containing 220 cu.ft. oxygen gas at	
\$1.45 per 100 cu.ft.	3.19
Total payment	<u>11.29</u>

I would suggest that you take up the amount due for acetylene gas with the Linde Air Products Company.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 16, 1930

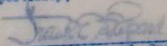
Mr. E. H. Simons,
Pinos Altos, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Referring again to your shipment of June 4th, which in your letter of June 13th you state weighs about 140 troy ounces, please be advised that your bullion upon receipt here weighs 118.67 troy ounces and owing to the discrepancy in your weight and that found at this institution, I have to request that you will kindly advise me if the Mint weight is satisfactory to you.

I am in doubt if your shipment will have \$100.00 in value and would suggest that you send an additional quantity to be added thereto at your earliest convenience. Kindly give this matter your prompt attention.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

June 16, 1930

Mr. Dave Strasmick,
Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 14th instant, the weight of which you state as 422 pennyweights, which would equal 21.10 troy ounces, I have to advise that upon receipt here I find that your shipment consists of five buttons having a weight of 20.33 troy ounces, or 15 pennyweights less than the weight stated by you.

Before proceeding to treat your deposit, I have to request that you will kindly advise me if the weight of your material as found here is satisfactory to you.

As requested, I am enclosing several copies of form 104-b for your use in making shipments to this institution.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

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June 16, 1930

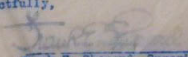
Mueller Plating Company,
922 Pine Street,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th instant in which you request fine gold in exchange for the value of your recent consignment and have to advise that while the combined value of the gold and silver will no doubt exceed \$100.00, it does not appear that the gold content will approximate \$100.00 which is the least amount payable in gold bars. Under the law gold bars can be issued only in exchange for the gold contained in deposits and no bar under 5 ounces, and I would therefore suggest you forward enough additional gold to increase the gold content in your shipment to meet this requirement. In the event it is not convenient for you to do this, it will be necessary for me to pay you for your recent deposit by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Please advise me promptly as to your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

June 16, 1930

Mr. Hugo W. Miller,
Nogales, Arizona, Box 257.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 11th instant and have had the assays on your recent shipment to this institution reviewed and find that no error has been made in regard to your payment.

In this connection, I may say that when deposits are received they are opened and weighed in the presence of two employees and after melting the weight is again checked. A and B samples are taken from the bar and assayed by different assayers and unless concordant results are obtained, the bar is remelted and the same procedure repeated. All weights, assays and calculations are carefully checked and depositors paid for the full value of their deposits, less, of course, our treatment charges.

As you no doubt appreciate, it would not be feasible to have the Mint's assays subject to umpire assays, and while I am always glad to review any payment where it appears some error may exist, I am positive in this instance your bar was correctly assayed and due payment made you therefor.

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